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The reigning professional World Latin Champions, Bryan Watson and Carmen, give a special performance during the 2004 MIT Open Ballroom Competition, held April 24 and 25 at Rockwell Cage.

UAP/VP: We'll Repay Some Hacking Fees

By Jenny Zhang
NEWS EDITOR

Undergraduate Association President Pius A. Uzamere II '04 and UA Vice President Jacob W. Faber '04, sent an e-mail on Wednesday to the undergraduate student body announcing their decision to reimburse some students, for fines imposed as a result of hacking.

In the e-mail, Uzamere and Faber expressed their disagreement with the MIT administrators for publicizing hacks while simultaneously punishing hackers who are caught. Uzamere and Faber asked hackers fined between June 29, 2000 and April 27, 2004 to submit applications to them for reimbursement, though they declined comment on how they would fund this.

"They were definitely an inspiration to us," said Uzamere, referring to Electric Engineering and Computer Science Professors Hal Abelson PhD '73 and Gerald J. Sussman '68, authors of a letter to Wright brothers Hack participant Oliver E. Kosut '04 ["Admiration for Hack", April 13].

Within the letter, Abelson and Sussman had enclosed a check for 60 dollars: 50 dollars to cover the disciplinary fine and an additional

ten that they suggested be used for buying donuts for the MIT Police.

"I certainly think that it's really cool," said Kosut about the announcement from Uzamere and Faber.

On December 17, 2003, Kosut was part of a group of hackers who put a life-size replica of the Wright Brothers plane on the Great Dome to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first flight.

Discipline deans stand firm

"I don't have anything against hacks" and I think they are a "cool part of MIT culture," but "we are obligated to hold people" accountable for violating Institute policies, said Steven J. Tyrell, associate dean for student discipline.

When contacted for comment about the intentions of the Office of the UAP, both Tyrell and Carol Orme-Johnson, assistant dean for student discipline, said that they were not aware of this action.

Orme-Johnson said that she would not comment on the matter.

She said that she was not sure how many students had been fined for hack-related violations of Insti-

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Nine Tenths of College Rapes Unreported to Police

By Kathy Dobson
STAFF REPORTER

Rape happens at MIT. "There are a lot of people on the MIT campus that believe that rape doesn't happen here," said Shereen Katrak '04. This is one of the reasons that Katrak, along with other MIT students, are organizing a "Take Back the Night" rally today. The rally will take place at 7:30pm at the Student Center steps and feature guest speakers as well as readings of sexual assault submitted by members of the MIT community.

Offenders often acquaintances

Despite the common perception that rapists are strangers that attack in a dark alley, the victims, especially if they are college women, are far more likely to be raped or sexually assaulted by acquaintances or friends than by strangers.

"Stranger rape isn't something that we see that much" at MIT, said Sergeant Cheryl Vossmer of the MIT Police Department.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, 69 percent of female and 52 percent of male rape and sexual assault victims knew the offender. According to another study also by the U.S. Department of Justice, about nine of ten rape college women victims knew their offenders.

Rape is defined under Massachusetts law as "sexual intercourse or unnatural sexual intercourse with a person and compelling such person to submit by force and against his will, or compelling such person to submit by threat of bodily injury."

Sexual Assault without consent occurs if the man or woman is unconscious, drugged, or intoxicated.

From 1999 to 2002, a total of 11 rapes have been reported to the MIT Police. Other colleges in the area have had similar statistics: Boston University had 15 reported rapes in that time period, Tufts had 4, and Brandeis had 3. As a comparison, University of Massachusetts in

Amherst has had 23 reported rapes in the past 4 years. BU and UMass both have about five times more undergraduates than MIT, Tufts and Brandeis. (See table on page 16.)

Rape often goes unreported

Rape is one of the most underreported of all serious crimes, said Vossmer. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, about half of

rape and sexual assault incidents were not reported to police in 2002.

The estimates for unreported rape and sexual assault incidents for college students is much higher. According to a study funded by the National Center for the Prevention and Control of Rape in 1985, more than 90% of women students who

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Brooks to Help Determine Fate of Hubble Telescope

By Kelley Rivoli
STAFF REPORTER

The National Academy of Sciences recently named Rodney A. Brooks, director of the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, to a committee to evaluate the future of the Hubble Space Telescope.

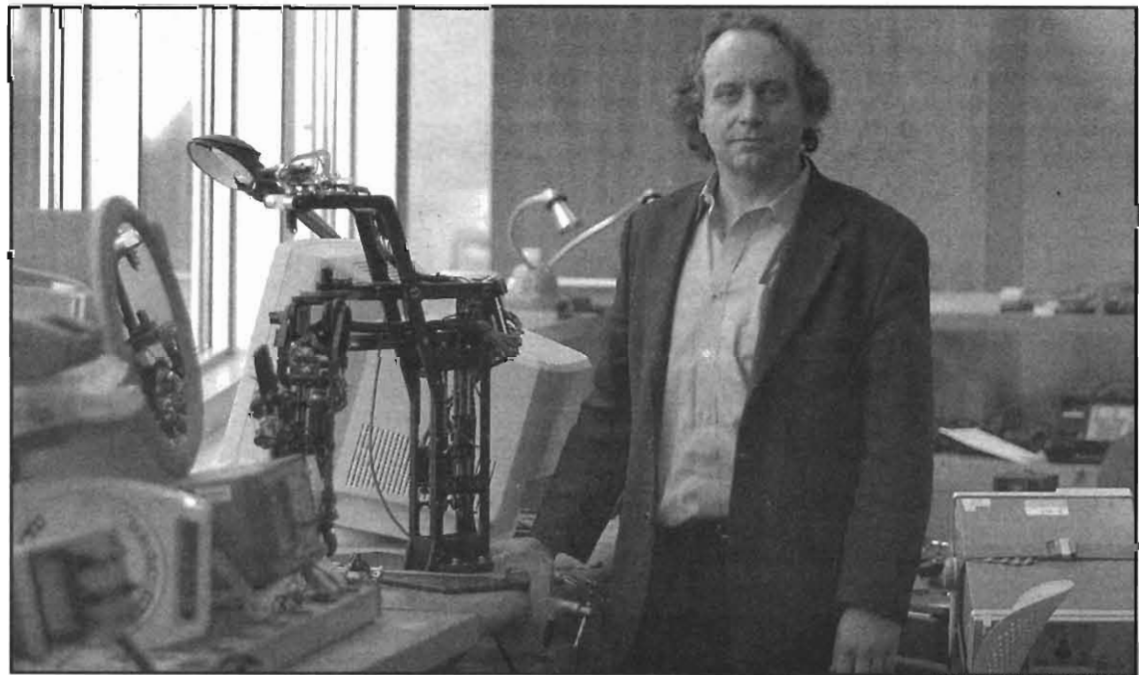
The "Committee on Assessment of Options for Extending the Life of the Hubble Space Telescope" will focus on the decision made by NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe in January to cancel Service Mission 4, what would have been the fifth mission to service the HST by a space shuttle.

In addition to Brooks, who is an expert in robotics, the twenty-member committee includes several former astronauts and two Nobel laureates.

Hubble shuttle mission forbidden

The committee will assess the effects of new policies forbidding

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JIMMY CHEUNG—THE TECH
Professor Rodney A. Brooks, director of the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL), stands next to a current project to create a force-feedback arm mechanism. Brooks was recently named to a committee to discuss the fate of NASA's Hubble Space Telescope.

Zeta Psi, TDC, DKE Meet With CLC

By Pon-Pon Yeh
STAFF REPORTER

After reviewing the status of the fraternities Zeta Psi, Theta Delta Chi, and Delta Kappa Epsilon on Tuesday, the Cambridge License Commission on Thursday lifted its sanctions on Zeta Psi and DKE, while requiring TDC to reappear before the CLC in six months.

CLC chairman Benjamin C. Barnes said that overall, he was impressed with the progress of the three fraternities, saying "hopefully we're seeing a new wave" of fraternity attitudes.

Zeta Psi off probation

According to CLC Executive Officer Richard V. Scali, Zeta Psi was instructed to remain dry in February after a Halloween incident at Zeta Psi during which beer bottles and cans were thrown from a second floor window, hitting cars below.

Also as a result of the incident, Zeta Psi was instructed to create a proposal of action by working with David N. Rogers, assistant dean of Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living Groups, and Daniel Trujillo, associate dean of Community Development and Substance Abuse Programs.

At the CLC meeting, Zeta Psi presented an update on its proposed program which included working with the Campus Alcohol Advisory Board (CAAB) and SaveTFP.

Zeta Psi has been working with

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Bush and Cheney Give Sept. 11 Commission 'No Surprises'

THE NEW YORK TIMES WASHINGTON

President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney were questioned in the Oval Office for more than three hours on Thursday by the commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks. They said that intelligence warnings they received throughout 2001 suggested that al-Qaida was poised to strike overseas, not on American soil, according to commission and administration officials.

After a meeting that both the White House and the commission had billed as historic, Bush appeared before reporters in the Rose Garden and described the question-and-answer session with the 10 members of the bipartisan commission as "very cordial." He said he "answered every question that they asked."

In its own statement after a closed-door meeting that began at 9:30 a.m. and ended three hours, 10 minutes later, the commission, which is in the final weeks of its investigation of the 2001 terror attacks, described the Oval Office session as "extraordinary" and said the panel "found the president and the vice president forthcoming and candid."

Teamsters' Anti-Corruption Officials Quit In Protest Over Hoffa

THE NEW YORK TIMES

The former federal prosecutor who heads the Teamsters' internal anticorruption program and 20 other investigators and lawyers involved in that effort resigned Thursday, saying the union's president was not fully committed to fighting corruption.

The former prosecutor, Edwin H. Stier, sent a sharply worded letter that accused James P. Hoffa, the Teamsters president, of blocking a broad investigation into possible union corruption in Chicago and of dragging his feet in a case of alleged embezzlement by a Teamsters leader in Houston.

"In spite of our efforts to convince General President Jim Hoffa to remain committed to fighting corruption," Stier wrote, "I have concluded that he has backed away from the Teamsters' anticorruption plan in the face of pressure from self-interested individuals."

The anticorruption program was created five years ago by Hoffa in an effort to persuade the federal government to abandon its long-time oversight of the union. The Teamsters had agreed to far-reaching federal supervision in 1989 to settle a federal racketeering lawsuit charging the union with being controlled by organized crime.

Zuckerman Gives \$10 Million to Harvard For Public Service Studies

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Hoping to draw doctors, lawyers and businessmen into public service, Mortimer B. Zuckerman, the publisher of U.S. News & World Report, said Thursday that he was giving Harvard \$10 million to support professionals who pursue public health, education and government degrees.

"I've always believed in public service," said Zuckerman, who is also the chairman of *The New York Daily News*. "The question is how do you attract people to it? Public service doesn't attract a lot of wealthy alumni, I'll tell you that." Given the pressures of student debt and the promise of lucrative careers in the private sector, many would-be public servants are dissuaded from taking posts in government, schools or nonprofit organizations.

"There are terrific people now in all of these fields," said Harvard's president, Lawrence H. Summers, a former treasury secretary in the Clinton administration. "But if you think about the magnitude of the challenges we have in our public schools, in public health, in the public sector, they require people of the highest quality of experience. We always need more talented people."

U.N. Proposes Appointment Of Shiite As Prime Minister

By Steven R. Weisman THE NEW YORK TIMES WASHINGTON

The Bush administration is considering a U.N. proposal to appoint Iraq's current planning minister, a Shiite, as prime minister when the U.S. occupation is dissolved on June 30, administration officials said on Thursday.

Dr. Mahdi al-Hafidh, the planning minister, was described by U.S. and Iraqi officials as a secular-leaning Shiite who could win broad acceptance from Iraqi factions, including Shiite followers of Grand Ayatollah Ali Hussein al-Sistani, whose backing is considered crucial to any U.S. plans for Iraq.

The job of prime minister is conceived by U.S. and U.N. planners as the principal post in the caretaker government that will assume power after June 30. Hafidh would then be expected to step aside once an elected government is formed next year, the officials said.

U.S. officials see Hafidh's identity as a Shiite as likely to help shore up the support of al-Sistani for the caretaker government. But they also said that Hafidh's secularism meant he would not favor an Islamist government, which some of the ayatollah's supporters want.

Plans for the interim government call for the president to hold a largely ceremonial job and for two deputy prime ministers who are to help in the day-to-day governing of Iraq. These three jobs are expected to be shared by members of Iraq's principal ethnic and sectarian groupings: Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds.

An administration official said that Hafidh, who has also served as an Iraqi envoy to the United Nations, had won the support of Lakhdar Brahimi, the special U.N. envoy enlisted by the Bush administration to help select the caretaker government that will take office when Iraq's sovereignty is restored.

"He's the man Brahimi prefers and he is acceptable to the administration," said the official.

But another official said that although Hafidh was "very highly regarded" throughout the administration, it was too early to appoint anyone prime minister.

The current Iraqi government is led by a 25-member Iraqi Governing Council chosen last year by the U.S. authorities under L. Paul Bremer, the occupation administrator. The office of chairman is rotated every few months among nine

members of the council. Administration officials say that many Iraqis dismiss the council as a puppet government.

The expectation of Bush administration and U.N. officials is that Brahimi will select members of the new government in consultation with the administration, the Iraqi Governing Council and other Iraqi leaders and occupation authorities.

A spokesman for Brahimi said that the envoy would have no comment on the selection process. But an Iraqi official familiar with the political situation in Iraq said that Hafidh would be seen as a compromise choice for a government that is expected to have only limited powers while plans are made for an election in early 2005.

In addition to Hafidh's appointment, administration and Iraqi officials said, negotiations are under way with Shiites to write an annex to the laws adopted in March by Iraqi leaders hand-picked by the U.S. occupation.

The annex, these officials said, would make it clear that the caretaker government could not make changes in the laws that would diminish the power of any group in Iraq, particularly the Shiites.

Likud Poll Shows No Support For Sharon's Gaza Withdrawal

By Greg Myre THE NEW YORK TIMES JERUSALEM

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon faced the prospect of a major political setback as three polls released Thursday all showed that members of his own party were likely to vote down his proposal for pulling Israel out of the Gaza Strip.

Sharon's rightist Likud Party is holding a referendum on the Gaza withdrawal plan on Sunday, and Sharon has said it will amount to a vote of confidence on his leadership.

"You can't be for me, but against my plan," he told Israel Radio, adding "only in this way can I fulfill my promise to bring peace and security."

Even though the referendum is

not legally binding, Sharon warned that a defeat could have wide-ranging repercussions, risking the party's hold on power and jeopardizing assurances that the prime minister received from President Bush during a White House visit this month.

The president endorsed Sharon's withdrawal plan, and also indicated that Israel would probably keep some West Bank land, which includes all of the largest Jewish settlement blocs, in a future political arrangement.

In recent weeks, opinion surveys suggested that Sharon was likely to squeak by with a narrow victory on Sunday, which would give him a running start as he looked to the Cabinet and the Legislature for formal government approval.

But a loss would leave him at odds with his party, which has aggressively advocated the expansion of Jewish settlements in Gaza and the West Bank.

Settlers and right-wing Israelis have waged an active campaign to defeat his proposal. Their efforts were evident on Tuesday, Israel's Independence Day, when an estimated 70,000 Israelis traveled to the Gush Katif settlement bloc in Gaza to show their solidarity with the Gaza settlers and express their opposition to a withdrawal.

The country's two largest newspapers, Yediot Aharonot and Maariv, each released polls on Thursday that showed Sharon's plan to be in trouble among Likud members.

WEATHER

May Flowers

By Nikki Prive STAFF METEOROLOGIST

"Winter is many months of the year
But now at last Maytime is here;
And birds sing from a leafy screen
In the trees and hedgerow freshly green;
And the wood-anemone is out in the shade,
With its blushing petals which too soon fade;
Once more the bracken is unfurling there,
And bluebells gently perfume the damp air."
— Veronica Ann Twells, *Maytime*

After a prodigious amount of rain this April, we are due for some sunny skies and May flowers. A thunderstorm Tuesday evening shattered the total precipitation record for April, leaving this month's rainfall at 9.57 inches at Logan airport and breaking the 1987 record of 9.46 inches.

Strong sunshine and southwesterly winds will help push daytime temperatures into the upper 70s°F (26°C) today, with even higher temperatures inland. The high pressure system responsible for this beautiful weather will linger until late on Sunday, when a cool front will move in.

Extended Forecast

Today: Partly sunny, highs in the upper 70s°F (26°C), breezy.

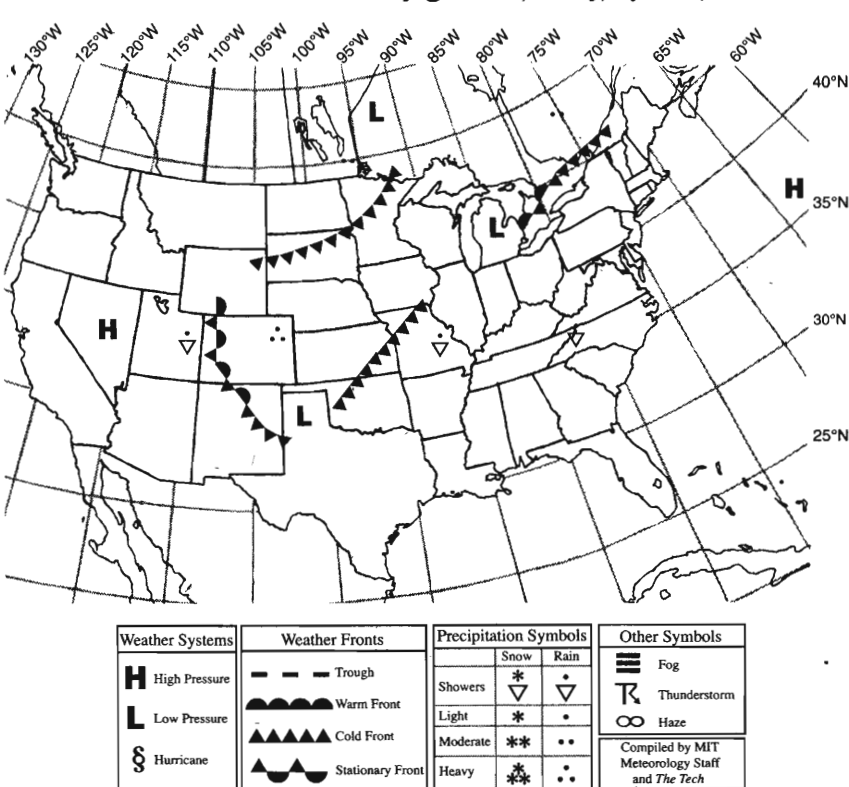
Tonight: Partly cloudy, lows around 50°F (10°C).

Saturday: Partly sunny, high around 75°F (25°C) continued breezy, overnight lows in the mid 50s°F (13°C).

Sunday: Mostly cloudy, high in the mid 70s°F (25°C), chance of showers late, low around 50°F (13°C).

Monday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers, cooler, high in the lower 60s°F (17°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, April 30, 2004



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	- - - Trough	Snow *	Fog
L Low Pressure	- - - Warm Front	Shower * ▽	Thunderstorm
§ Hurricane	- - - Cold Front	Light *	Haze
	- - - Stationary Front	Moderate **	
		Heavy ***	

Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

Banks Unhappy With Google's Public Stock Offerings Process

By Andrew Ross Sorkin and Landon Thomas Jr.
THE NEW YORK TIMES

For months, the nation's top investment banks vied to win the job of underwriting Google's much-anticipated initial public stock offering. But as details emerged Thursday about the unusual auction process that Google's founders have chosen to pursue, questions have arisen about whether the scramble for a piece of the action was worth the trouble.

Google hired Morgan Stanley and Credit Suisse First Boston as its underwriters, but it might as well have hired eBay. Gone is the bankers' flashy road show to sell investors on the deal, gone is the

complex valuation models that bankers toil away on to set the offering price — and gone are the bank's typical high fees. Executives close to the deal said the banks will get a fee of about 3 percent, or \$81 million of the total offering. Though not small change, that's down from the 7 percent they typically charge, which in this case would have reaped them \$189 million.

Google's offering does away with all that in favor of an egalitarian auction where investors help run the show, and they do it all online. Investors, in large part, will have to sell themselves on the deal by reading the sales materials online, placing bids that will set the price online and eventually buying the shares

online.

Unlike many companies offering stock for the first time, of course, Google is so well known that it doesn't need to be sold by brokers to attract investors. Still, while this setup may not work for many other companies, the idea of it being embraced by the biggest and most promising companies is making Wall Street nervous.

One banker working on the offering on Thursday complained, "Let's hope this doesn't become a precedent." Bankers at Goldman Sachs — which lost out on a slot as a lead underwriter — have been privately telling clients that they are worried about Google's offering on the IPO process.

Thais Protest Killing of Attackers, Army Sent to Prevent Retaliation

By Seth Mydans
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BANGKOK, THAILAND

Thailand flooded its predominantly Muslim south with about 1,000 soldiers Thursday as local residents and human rights groups questioned the overwhelming force used to kill more than 100 lightly armed attackers on Wednesday.

Saying he feared retaliatory attacks, Defense Minister Chettha Thanajaro ordered two battalions of reinforcements into an area where the government's use of force has fed resentment and violence.

Interviewed on Thai television, local residents voiced anger and bewilderment at the killings, particularly an attack on a mosque in

which about 30 of the men had taken refuge.

The locals identified some of the dead — mostly young men in their teens — as local villagers, including 18 members of a soccer team, according to the Associated Press.

Altogether, the government said, 108 attackers had died, along with five soldiers and police officers.

Much larger questions concerned the motives for the coordinated attacks on a dozen police stations and outposts early Wednesday and the identity of the people who organized them.

The attackers shouted Islamic slogans, but they also appeared to be some of the same young men who had been hired in the past to

burn schools and carry out raids.

Southern Thailand, which was annexed by what was then Siam a century ago, is home to most of the 6 million Muslims in this largely Buddhist nation of 66 million people.

It seethes with vendettas, political rivalries, criminal gangs, smugglers, drug runners and a dangerous feud between the military and the police, as well as with the remnants of a separatist rebellion that was mostly quelled more than a decade ago.

"There are too many things going on there for anybody to actually point a finger and say this is the thing that caused it," said Saroja Dorairajoo, an expert on the region at the National University of Singapore. "The causes are multiple."

U.N. Seeks French-Speaking Peacekeepers For Haiti

THE NEW YORK TIMES WASHINGTON

Just a month before its deadline, the United Nations finds itself hard-pressed to sign up peacekeeping troops and French-speaking police officers to take over security in Haiti from a U.S.-led interim force, U.N. officials and diplomats say.

The Security Council is considering a request by Secretary-General Kofi Annan MS '72 to send 6,700 peacekeepers and 1,622 civilian police officers to Haiti, which was shaken in February when armed insurgents opposed to the government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide took over much of Haiti's north and moved on the capital.

Planners cite several challenges as they seek to replace nearly 2,000 troops from the United States and about 1,500 from France, Canada and Chile who were deployed to keep order after Aristide left.

Although this interim force has managed to impose a modicum of stability, diplomats express concern that large parts of the country remain under the rebels' control, and that there has been no systematic effort to disarm them.

One problem is the competition for French-speaking peacekeepers, as missions are prepared for Ivory Coast and Burundi this year, U.N. representatives said.

Senate Votes to Continue Curb On Taxing Internet Access

THE NEW YORK TIMES WASHINGTON

The Senate agreed Thursday to extend a ban on taxes on Internet access for another four years, approving a compromise between those who had wanted to make the restrictions permanent and opponents who said they could deny needed revenue to state and local governments.

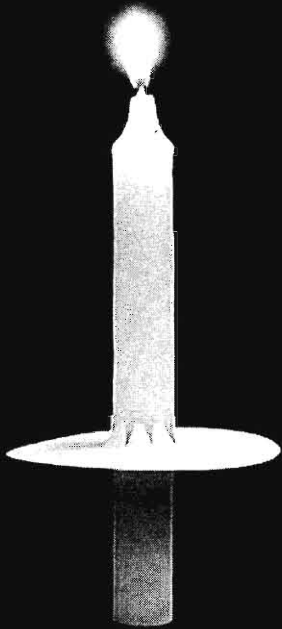
The deal, brokered by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., chairman of the Commerce Committee, was accepted on a 93-3 vote after lawmakers dismissed efforts to add stalled energy legislation to the Internet measure.

Under the bill, which still must be reconciled with a much broader tax moratorium already approved by the House, no new taxes would be allowed on high-speed Internet access through Nov. 1, 2007. A few states that already have imposed taxes would be able to keep them in place for now, however. In an important concession to its opponents, the bill does not extend the tax ban to any traditional phone service conducted via the Internet.

"This is a huge victory for those who want the Internet to be healthy and vibrant in the years ahead," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., who had been among those pushing for a broader, permanent moratorium on taxes they argued could stifle the availability of broad-band access.

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Letters To The Editor

Questioning Frat Punishments

The April 27 issue of *The Tech* brings yet another slew of headlines about fraternities getting in trouble, receiving official sanctions, probation, disciplinary hearings, and whatever other official-sounding terms are thrown about in the aftermath of an alcohol-related party that goes a bit too far off the deep end.

Let's face it. Underage drinking is a college tradition, and it doesn't take a Ph.D. in chemistry or in statistics to show that it may not be the most beneficial behavior, and indeed, every once in a while, it goes too far. But it will continue to go too far even if the fraternities are continually put under indiscriminate punishment that assumes every member is an urination incident waiting to happen.

No amount of MIT policing will prevent the occasional public display of irresponsibility. Being "proactive in working to prevent underage drinking" (Richard V. Scali, as quoted in "After Halloween Incident, Zeta Psi To Face Review Hearing with CLC") not only reeks of pointy-haired buzzwordism, but is fundamentally a flawed policy. It's not underage drinking that is a problem — it is being an idiot when drunk, and the problem does not magically go away when one turns 21, nor is it exclusive to those that live in houses with Greek letters on the side. Therefore, focusing one's attention on vast target groups is not a solution. It's an act of tyranny.

Your average bout of stupidity is not a tragedy that must be prevented from ever happening again, at any cost. It is not a legislative issue. It is simply a basic fact of nature. Some people, even at the finest institute of higher learning on the planet, are morons.

But most are certainly not. And that includes fraternity members, who are being

made to suffer needlessly by the restriction of their lifestyle, in the endless quest to weed out that last bad apple before he throws a beer bottle out the window. One may not agree that constant partying and drinking is the greatest way to pass time ever devised, but there are far more detrimental things one can do to society — for example, enact sweeping "preventative" legislation. In the interest of fairness, if we're revoking students' housing for being a menace to society, shouldn't we be doing the exact same thing to the Cambridge License Commission, the Massachusetts state legislature, and the MIT administration? Compared to frat boys, politicians are far more an affront to the average person's liberties.

Of course, I'm not advocating that public urination, disorderly behavior, and vandalism be allowed to happen unchecked. If the objects on the rooftop are getting introduced to the parked cars, then call the police. And, while you're at it, discipline the individual students, for being a disgrace to their fraternity, their university, and their species. But there is no reason to ruin it for the rest.

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In Response To Ombudsman Impeachment

I was very disappointed to read in Tuesday's issue of *The Tech* that Ombudsman John A. Hawkinson had been impeached by The Tech's Managing Board ["Tech Independent Critic Impeached, EIC Resigns," April 27]. At the very least, the firing implies that The Tech is no longer interested in receiving criticism from its readers, an odd move at a time when most newspapers are instead mov-

ing in the opposite direction — with The New York Times hiring an ombudsman for the first time late last year.

As a former Editor-in-Chief of *The Tech*, I recognize the conflicting roles of the organization — as both an MIT student group and as a newspaper that serves and documents life at the Institute. Nonetheless, I always felt that, when the two roles conflicted, the responsibilities of being a valuable newspaper to the community were always the priority. This was clearly not the case in the past week.

The actions of the Executive Board and Managing Board clearly reveal that the current leadership of *The Tech* regards itself as a student group first and a newspaper second. In most student groups, a key goal is for all members to be happy. At a newspaper, however,

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Erratum

The Tuesday review ["Rock Doesn't Go Past Being 'Good Now,'" Apr. 27] of Bob Schneider's newest album "I'm Good Now" misstated that this album is Schneider's sophomore album. "I'm Good Now" is Schneider's fifth solo album.

In a Tuesday article ["After Halloween Incident, Zeta Psi To Face Review Hearing with CLC," Apr. 27], Richard V. Scali, executive officer of the Cambridge License Commission, stated that a beer bottle was thrown from the fraternity's window. He clarified that it was not clear whether it was an aluminum can or bottle, but that it was a container for alcohol.

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Protecting Dissent To Save America’s Future

Mark Halsey

I bought it — hook, line, and sinker. Saddam Hussein was an imminent threat to the world and only military action would cause him to relinquish his arsenal of illicit weapons. I was wrong. The voices of those among us who questioned our belligerent direction were drowned out by war drums and propaganda. I didn’t hear them, but I wish I had. But this was the plan from the beginning. The plan was to create an environment unsuited for dissent, one that gave the war a righteous charm, and one that kept those who thought war was wrong from being heard. Group-think was the tool to set the course. Such a novel methodology had never been used at such a scale in American history. Getting the job done meant paving new roads in undermining dissent, and that is what the Bush administration did. Our executive branch showed no restraint in finding new applications for all the resources they controlled. With the assistance and direction of the US Secret Service, appropriately named “Free Speech Zones” were set up away from presidential appearances. Those who attended such events and voiced their opposition to the president were quarantined to the Free Speech Zone. Those who disobeyed were arrested. America — a cornerstone of democracy and freedom — had confined free speech to a small patch of space sometimes as far as half a mile from the limelight. In October of 2002, Brett Bursey had decided to attend a presidential visit to South Carolina and bring a sign with him. Bursey was not the only attendee that brought a sign, but his sign stood out from the rest. Bursey’s sign was dangerous — on the sign was written “No war for oil.” When Bursey refused to comply with authorities’ demands that he put the sign down, he was arrested. The fact that Bursey was a peaceful protester expressing his opinion was not of importance. Bursey’s words — not his presence — made him a threat to our president. Sadly, Bursey was just one of many who faced intimidation and relocation at the direction of the U.S. Secret Service. When Bush was campaigning for military action in Iraq as part of his “war on terror,” dissent was a security threat. Too much was at stake for our executive branch to risk having questioners of American foreign policy be heard. In reality, the sea of red, white, and blue signs and the cheering supporters that seemingly accompanied Bush everywhere were synthetic. Nonetheless, the American television media, overwhelmed by the widespread

excitement over the coming war, was disconcertingly willing to broadcast these scenes across the country. But the undeserved attention they gave to cleansed crowds was not their fault; it was reported at a Bush appearance in St. Louis that the media was not allowed into Free Speech Zones that were set up away from pre-war presidential rallies, nor were protesters allowed to leave the Free Speech Zones to speak to reporters. Freedom of the press was undermined, but compared to an imminent war, it was not news. The FBI was transformed next. A leaked FBI intelligence memo from Oct. 15, 2003 warned of potential tactics of protesters in “mass marches and rallies against the occupation in Iraq,” while noting that “the FBI possesses no information indicating that violent or terrorist activities are being planned as part of these protests.” Protests were to be treated with an unwarranted level of scrutiny simply because of what they were protesting. The sensitive memo ended with an eerie request: that law enforcement agencies “report any potentially illegal acts to the nearest FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.” Unruly protests of Bush’s foreign policies, if they occurred, would be treated as terrorism. While sweeping dissent under the carpet, the Bush administration pushed its Iraq agenda with an unrelenting and ruthless intensity. With a shameful disregard for the truth, our leaders fed us lies. They said that Iraq was an imminent threat, that Hussein was determined to attack Americans, that Iraq was tied to Al-Qaeda, and that Iraq had tried to purchase uranium from Niger. These were assertions that were known to be questionable at best, but the will of our executive branch was so strong that truth became secondary to what these lies would accomplish. We are now caught in what could be the most scandalous and counterproductive war in American history. We are in desperate need of more allies in Iraq, but we are having trouble just maintaining the allies we have. Last month, the President of Poland Alexander Kwasniewski said of Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, “That they deceived us about the weapons of mass destruction, that’s true. We were taken for a ride.” Spain, another country that had been steadfast in its support of the U.S. until recently, has become equally critical. “You can’t organize a war on the basis of lies,” noted newly-elected Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero in March. We are now faced with the dire consequences of the underhandedness of our leaders and the complacency of our population. We are bound to a war and an occupation of another country that we cannot properly explain. There has not been a single trace of biolog-

ical or chemical weapons found. The numerous exaggerations of the Bush administration leading up to the war continue to bring our motives into question. The continuing loss of life, poor leadership, and authoritarian control of Iraqi society only bring more resentment to our presence there. Unfortunately, we are giving anti-American extremists an opportunity they never should have gained; extremists and terrorists groups are explaining our presence to the downtrodden Iraqi people when we cannot. The countless Iraqis who have lost family members, who have been injured and maimed, who have lost their jobs, who have had their homes destroyed, who have been isolated from their homes as we continue to battle rebellions in Fallujah and Najaf — the many whose lives have been worsened by the conflict will have an immeasurable amount of anger and hate to express. Hatred of the U.S. is becoming intense, and we now seem powerless to stop it from spreading. In the wake of our mistakes, Al-Qaeda and other radical groups will be there to show Iraqis how to twist their rage to achieve inhuman results. Domestically, the Bush administration lied and deceived to gain support of the American public, manipulated fear in the wake of Sept. 11 to promote an agenda that had long been in planning, abused law enforcement and security agencies to suppress dissent, and sacrificed some of our most valued freedoms to achieve its ends. The Bush administration, in its arrogant and deceptive push towards war, abandoned allies, destroyed our credibility, undermined our war on terrorism, and most disturbingly, cost tens of thousands of people their lives. We have a choice. We can stand proudly by our president’s Machiavellian methodology. We can pretend that we have made the world safer. We can arrogantly deny that we were deceived. Or we can show the world that the tactics of the Bush administration are intolerable and out of line with American values. We can show the world that the will of the American people is above deception and lies, that we value world input, and that we can admit when our government has made a dire mistake — and hold the appropriate officials accountable. It was recently revealed in Bob Woodward’s new book *Plan of Attack* that the Bush administration may have covertly spent \$700 million allocated by Congress for our efforts in Afghanistan on tasks in preparation for the war in Iraq without authorization. If this is found to be true, this would no doubt be an impeachable offense. Let’s show the world we still believe in justice. *Mark Halsey is a member of the class of 2004.*

Letters To The Editor, Continued

producing a quality product that readers approve of require that staffers receive, accept, respond to, and improve from criticism. I’ve worked with Hawkinson before, and he can, at times, be abrasive and a challenge to deal with. In fact, I could see some staffers who are not used to being criticized become frustrated with Hawkinson, even as he attempted to boost the quality of the publication by pointing out its many flaws. However, this is no excuse for the actions of the Executive Board, whom effectively held the Managing Board hostage through their threats to resign en masse should Hawkinson not be removed as Ombudsman. Childish threats such as these have no role in an organization, especially at the college level. In short, the actions of the past week suggest that the leadership of *The Tech* has decided that its members cannot handle public criticism. Going forward, I hope that the MIT community demands better leadership and expects stronger reporting from its newspaper. Douglas E. Heimbürger ’00 [The writer served as Editor-in-Chief of *The Tech* in fall 1998.]

Tillman’s Heroism

By now, you’ve all heard stories about this heroic person that gave up fame and fortune to make the ultimate sacrifice for the cause of freedom, Enduring Freedom. Pat Tillman knew what freedom meant: the capacity to exercise free-will. Is there a greater right or responsibility bestowed upon the human race? Pat refused to take this right for granted and

took responsibility to defend freedom for all who wish to have it. To forego lucrative riches in favor of selfless deeds — could one’s life have any more meaning? Now I ask myself, and I ask you, to answer these questions. What is your life’s meaning? How will your life be measured? What are you capable of doing for others? How will you achieve your potential to touch the lives of others? Why aren’t you doing it? To me, Pat Tillman isn’t a hero because he died in battle. He is a hero because he had the wisdom to ask life’s toughest questions, the integrity to answer them honestly, and the courage to follow his convictions. May his example inspire us all to do the same. Jared Schrieber G

Schneider’s Subtleties

One shouldn’t argue about tastes. So I will not. Instead, I would just like to offer a few comments on misconceptions of Minyoung Jang’s review of Bob Schneider’s new release “I’m Good Now” [“Rock Doesn’t Go Past Being ‘Good Now,’” April 27]. I would argue that Schneider’s music is, in fact, original, contrary to the claims of the reviewer. It is true that the songs on the album are catchy and that they incorporate traditional rock elements. However, the way that these elements are combined to form every song is unique. But more importantly, it is something less tangible that separates Schneider from the rest. It’s his earnestness; it’s the roughness of the sound; it’s the lyrics that manage to avoid almost all rock clichés. There’s a youthful purity that you can hear, if you choose to lis-

ten, that stems from the fact that he loves making music and just fooling around with sound and lyric. If you give the album an honest listen, as every album being reviewed deserves, you’ll hear these “subtleties.” Dasha Lymar G

Kerry’s Disappointing Show

I can tell Chen Zhao [“Where’s Kerry’s Campaign?” April 27] why John Kerry’s campaign has disappeared — no one wants to see it. The Democratic leadership seems to have woken up from its winter hibernation and realized that they have traded the passionate, idea-driven Howard Dean for a Washington insider candidate devoid of mirth and, as the Gore campaign might have said, “gravitas.” Kerry seems a horrifying mix of the past two presidential also-rans, combining Bob Dole’s lack of policy originality with Al Gore’s inability to tell a straight story. Of late, the junior senator has spun yarns about the endorsement of unnamed foreign leaders, insulted a Secret Service agent with profanity, and attempted to explain how he supported legislation by voting against it. It has gotten to the point where none other than *The Village Voice* has called for the end of Kerry’s de facto candidacy and an open nomination at this July’s Boston Democratic National Committee Convention. “Jawn” Kerry’s dead-fish flop is really a shame — I was looking forward to an exciting election race. Christopher P. Anderson ’04

The Subculture of Judgement

Amy Fisher

Here’s what happens when people come to MIT. (And when I say “Here’s what happens,” I mean, “Here’s my grossly generalized approximation based on my isolated experiences and tinged with the bias of my frustration and apathy.”) We get to this strange school and we find this strange social structure where everyone *must* be in some tiny group called a Greek society or a dormitory. We scramble around, grab onto a chosen set and latch onto their “ideologies” for dear life. And what are their “ideologies”? Conveniently, they are all the same: we do everything right, we are incredibly cool, and everyone else is inferior. Of course, there are independent hierarchies within this substructure, but the pattern is the same, and I find myself entitled to speak of this because I have seen many of these said tiny groups from the perspective of many of the other tiny groups. Myself being personally and (arguably) unfortunately unable to have ever acclimated completely into any of these specific groups, I find myself adrift and often privy to the superiority complexes of the wide range of these lovely organizations.

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You’ve got your frat boys at one end of the spectrum. Students at other “fraternized” schools have been known to gawk at the strictly enforced animosity between many of our fraternities. (To put things into perspective, even MIT graduates have made the same observation at what our system has become.) However, a whole book could be written on the bizarre social evolution that comes from jamming boys straight out of high school into an irresistibly chauvinistic caveman society, so I will relinquish that topic for now and move onto the other end of the spectrum, the “we’re so freaky and anti-establishment” dormitory creatures, self-purported individualists but just as cliquy and judgmental as any freshman sorority girl. Now, the funniest social experiment you could conduct on these types, clearly, would be to throw them all in a blender and see what kind of funky tasting margaritas you got out. I had the great fortune of attending one of these social experiments in a dormitory of anti-conformists also temporarily housing some frat boys where the residents had managed to store the guys in pre-fashioned pigeon-holes, eliminating the need to ever talk to them face-to-face. Until a dormitory party rolled around, that is. And that’s when you see that the kids who are trying to be freaky and individual and anti-conformist are the worst conformists of all, as if in freeing themselves from the bonds of the Abercrombie masses they have reburdened themselves with the task of looking down on said masses, or whomever they decide to quickly group into such a category. Rooms emptied out as soon as we entered; people walked past us, stared, glared; I didn’t feel so unwelcome when I showed up at the “professors and school girls” frat party in sweatpants. What’s happening here? We group, we define, we judge everything outside our definitions. I thought I could get away from it when I moved into a laid-back dormitory, but here I am again: I was just denied the room I want to live in as a senior because of their perception (as rumor has it) that I’m a “sorority girl.” People here have become so obsessed with their subculture that they have lost their grasp on the concept that we’re supposed to all be in this together. And the subculture becomes only that of looking down on anyone not within it. *Amy Fisher is a member of the class of 2005.*

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THEATRE REVIEW

Singing Frog Steals the Show

'A New Brain': A Fun Show About Brain Disease?

By Sandra Galdamez

MIT Musical Theatre Guild
A New Brain
Kresge Little Theater
April 23-24, 29-30, May 1, 8 p.m.;
April 25, 2 p.m.
MIT students \$6, others \$8

When Gordon Schwinn (Paul Giragos) learned that he has what a singing man in a frog suit called “a brain thing,” he thought that things couldn’t get much worse. As odd as that sounds, and as clueless as I was about this shindig, MTG’s recent production of “A New Brain” was pretty good.

The plot centers around children’s song writer, Gordon Schwinn, who seems to have writer’s block. One day he collapses and is taken to the hospital where he is diagnosed with a brain disease. The show takes the audience with Schwinn as he gets treatment for his brain problem.

The play itself is hilarious. Simply the fact that it features a dancing frog named Mr. Bungee (David C. Poland '04) singing about poor, unsuccessful, fat people is enough to make you laugh — especially considering that the Jim Henson has already proven a singing, dancing frog is a very funny thing. However, what made this piece even more enjoyable was the wonderful acting and enthusiasm of the cast.

Poland made a great frog. Don’t underestimate the power of a skinny man in a green-striped suit. Every time he was on the stage the audience was laughing. And one can’t forget how dreamy he looks in that giant frog head!

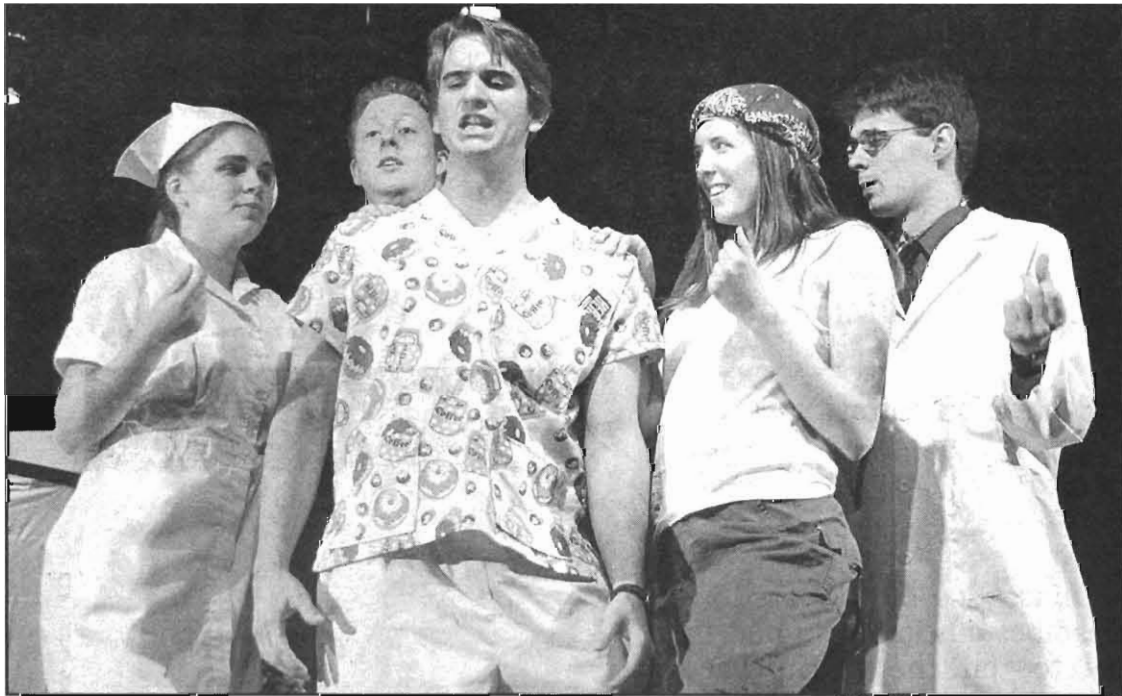
The rest of the cast were certainly not very far off on the laughter scale. The lines were delivered wonderfully, giving each joke its full punch — sometimes even when there was no joke. As for the singing, like the wind, sometimes it blew, sometimes it didn’t. For the most part, I’d say it was a calm night in Cambridge.

Both Giragos and Kenneth N. Kamrin G, who played his partner Roger with a boy band voice, did a good job. The only thing that irritated me about this couple was the lack of chemistry. For a long-lasting, caring, homosexual couple, these guys should have broken up a long time ago based on their platonic physical interaction. The lines that Kamrin sang — for example, “The sex is good, but I’d rather be sailing” — definitely didn’t help their case. However, they scored some points with a ridiculously emotional tango dance near the end.

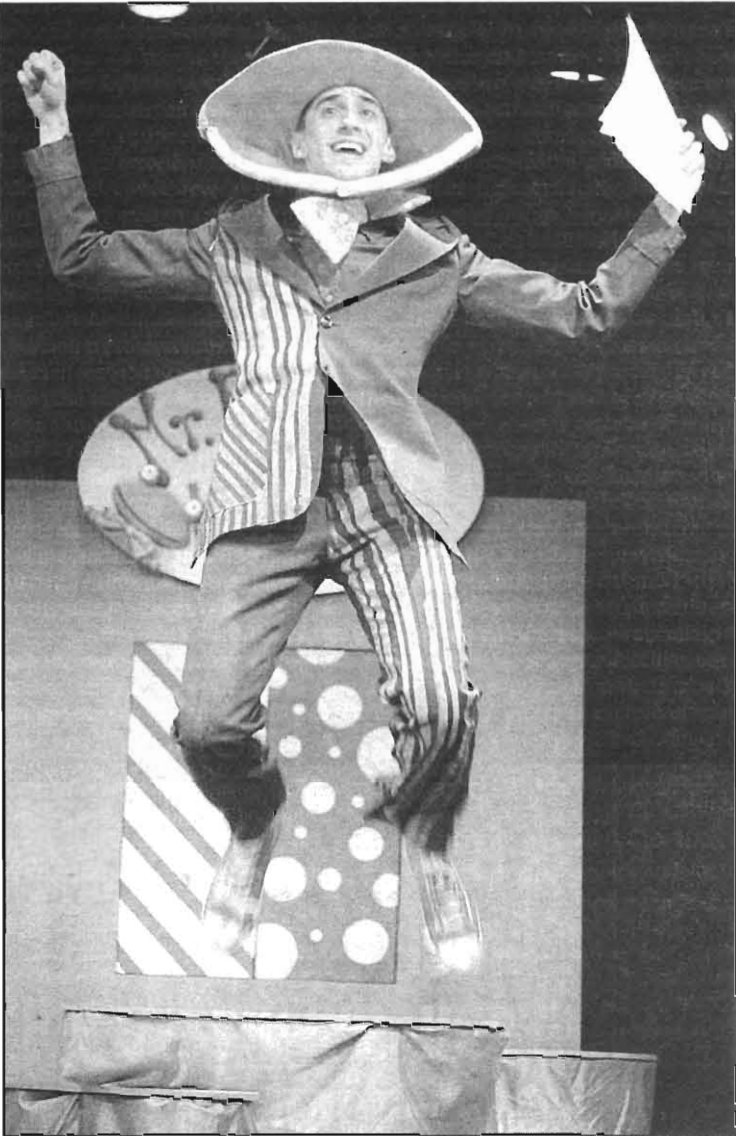
The ensemble numbers may not have been Broadway-caliber footwork, but the singing was excellent. Some of the minor characters had trouble with their solos for stretches of time. Overall, I enjoyed myself. There’s definitely more to it than just the frog or Gordon’s “brain thing.” Check it out, you might find out you like little green men too.



Gordon Schwinn (Paul Giragos) experiences anxiety the night before his brain operation.



Richard (Terral R. Jordan '07) is surrounded by Nancy D., the thin nurse (Nicolina A. Akrahoff '07), Lisa the homeless lady (Jennifer M. Braun '02), and Dr. Jafar Berensteiner (Michael E. Rolish '04) during the number “Eatin’ Myself Up Alive.”



Mr. Bungee (David C. Poland '04) jumps in delight with the new children’s song, “The ‘Yes!’ Song,” written by Gordon Schwinn (Paul Giragos).



Rhoda (Cinda Lavelly) and Gordon Schwinn (Paul Giragos) sing “Whenever I Dream.”

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FEATURES

How to Eat Like an Asian Super Shopping, Part One

By Mark Liao

FEATURES COLUMNIST

Down Commonwealth Ave., past the Paradise Rock Club, and off the Green Line is a little hub of Asian cuisine known as Super 88. While it's hard to pinpoint just what makes this place so super, it's a nice place to visit on a sunny, lazy, Sunday afternoon.

So take that leisurely walk down Memorial Drive along the river and get yourself to any Green Line stop past Kenmore. Get off at Packard's Corner and you're there.

The names of these Chinese supermarket chains are always kind of weird. It's like how how places always name their restaurants after some random, large, two-digit number, like 99 Ranch Market, Super 88, Pho 39.

Upon entering Super 88, you'll find yourself in a pretty decent food court. Granted nothing here is absolutely to die for, but the prices are reasonable and the food is above average. In front of you will be a Japanese noodle place (I was absolutely not impressed, so go to the one off of Newbery near the Hynes Convention center instead), a pho place (I prefer it to Pho Pasteur, but that's not saying much, now is it?) as well as a LolliCup and a quick Cantonese BBQ place in the style of my last article (order the duck on rice, it's well worth it). You can even find a sushi bar (I've never given it a second look, but it has potential) and even a Korean place (their kimchee lags like your mom but their dishes will satisfy your typical bulgogi cravings).

More importantly, the reason why I suggest going to Super 88 is because it's as close to Chinatown as you can get without the apparent sketchiness that some just aren't ready

for. This is yet another baby-step towards eating like an Asian — if you're going to date an Asian girl, you can't avoid going Asian grocery shopping forever.

Furthermore, as your typical college student on a tight budget, I figured it'd be a good idea to give some insight into what I typically stock up on. I mean, I usually buy \$40 worth of food that lasts me a good month. It's cheap, convenient, and takes care of you when Bon Appetite just doesn't cut it. Here's part one of my series on what to stock up on at an Asian supermarket.

Technically, you'll start off in your produce section, but most of the time you can pretty much omit this section entirely. I mean let's just be honest here people, MEAT is always tastier than vegetables. Most times I'm reluctant to buy fruit, but occasionally they have really good regular and yellow plums. Otherwise, I usually stick to buying a big bag of bean sprouts, bok choy, and green onions.

You can boil the bean sprouts and keep them chilled in Tupperware with some white vinegar and soy sauce. You might even throw in some hot chili oil if you want. This will last upwards of a week. As for the bok choy, simply cut, pan fry with some garlic and oil, and serve. Lastly, green onions are always a good idea to have around. Simply slice it up, beat it with your eggs (optional) and put it into noodle soups or even just fry it up with some sweet sausage.

Directly to your left will be a basic condiments section. I highly recommend picking up your basics: soy sauce (Kikkoman of course), sesame oil (Kadoya brand), and a type of vinegar, either white or black depending on your tastes.

Without going into too much detail, treat white vinegar like a white wine (chicken, light soups, vegetables) and the black vinegar like red wine (pork, beef, heavy soups). Sesame oil, on the other hand, goes great just plain on rice. Mix in some salt and pour it over meat or just add it to soy sauce to meet any of your dipping needs.

Also, walk to the end of the aisle and pick up some pepper-salt. This stuff is amazing, white pepper mixed with salt. Simple enough but it does wonders and goes with everything, especially fried foods.

Next on the list is your frozen foods section. Here you'll find anything from Chinese sausage to whole frozen crabs. While it may be a little intimidating to see the crabs frozen in their little cellophane coffins, you're a big boy now. You were able to take the hanging fowl carcasses in the other restaurant windows, so this can't be that much worse right?

While in this section, you should pick up one of those assorted packs of miscellaneous seafood mixes. These usually run about \$3-4 and include shrimp, muscles, calamari rings, and anything else that's stupid enough to be caught.

I will concede that this may look a little sketchy, so if you're really uncomfortable, Trader Joes carries a high quality version at virtually the same price. You can simply microwave this stuff with some water and add it to any cup of noodles you can imagine. At a restaurant they'd tack on an extra \$1.25 for shrimp, so why not do it yourself?

Next time we'll wander some of the tastier areas of the market, such as the drink section as well as the random snacks aisle. Until then, don't let this place get you down.

Gourmet Geek The Chicken Dance

By Rose Grabowski

FEATURES COLUMNIST

As I stagger home from a long day of classes, meetings, exams, and office hours, I rack my brain for what to make for dinner. Or, at least, what to make for my 11:36 p.m. second-meal-of-the-day.

I've got some old, brown lettuce in the fridge, a rack full of spices and herbs that could rival that of Julia herself, some organic spinach linguini, and "all natural" basil tomato sauce that my mother insists will make me feel enhanced and invigorated. She probably hasn't realized that the only thing that will do the job is actually sleeping, but alas, that's not a possibility right now. Finally, there are a few chicken breasts in the freezer.

None of these options is, shall we say, close to my idea of culinary excellence, but I'm also not in a particularly picky mood. A 20-hour day will do that to you. I take the chicken out of the freezer, transfer it from its tightly wrapped packaging to a Zip-lock bag, squeeze out the air, settle it into a bowl of cold water, change the water every 5 minutes, and after about 4 changings the breast is de-thawed. At that point, I fire up my George Foreman and get jiggy. That may seem like an unusual and slightly compulsive way of unfreezing chicken, but it makes the most sense scientifically.

What happens to chicken while it is freezing? Freezing foods slows down, but does not stop, the enzymatic reactions on the tissue. This includes natural decomposition as well as bacterial action around the food. As the water in the chicken cells freeze and crystallize, they also break through cell barriers and disrupt the tissue walls. Some of the cell liquids will seep out of the cells and later out of the tissue.

What happens to chicken while it is frozen? The enzymes and bacteria continue to do their work, albeit at a much slower rate. The water on the tissue sublimates slowly from the surface, making the poultry dry; what we call "freezer burn."

What happens to chicken when defrosting? There are two aims in defrosting, besides having something you can actually cook — to minimize the damage from the ice crystals and to prevent bacterial contamination. Unfortunately, the first points to a slow defrosting process and the second to a fast one.

One solution is to defrost chicken in the refrigerator so that the crystallized water does

not flood out of the tissue, taking with it valuable nutrients and flavor. This also keeps the temperature of the tissue low enough to prevent any large amount of bacterial bad-stuff. However, being an MIT undergrad, I don't think far enough ahead to get this done — it can take up to a day depending on the thickness of the flesh.

So what is the best way to handle chicken and other meats in relation to sub-zero environments?

Use a lean, mean, freezing machine — The faster you freeze any food, the smaller the ice crystals will be. This will lead to less tissue damage and less tissue flabbiness when defrosted. The thinner the flesh, the faster it will freeze (and later defrost.)

Tie it up tight — Wrapping the chicken pieces very tightly with several layers will prevent freezer burn exceptionally well and extend the life of the food. With normal wrappings most chicken can stay in the freezer around two months; with extra wrapping sometimes another month or so.

Defrost evenly, quickly and safely — This is probably the most complicated and important step. Do not defrost chicken in the microwave. Microwaves tend to excite molecules in the liquid state, but not the solid state. This means that it's hard to get the ice crystals melted except by making the small amount that have already melted hot and transferring heat this way. So by the time you get the inside

defrosted, the outside could be cooked, and this is not ideal, to say the least.

The same thing goes for putting frozen chicken pieces into boiling water — the outside will cook before the inside is warm, making the outside very tough by the time the inside is edible. I've had friends perform both of these methods — the first made the lounge smell like rancid poultry for days. The second left my friend barely able to chew the chicken in her stew, ultimately resorting to the Campbell's solution that we all hoped we had outgrown by age 12.

The best way to defrost your bird in a timely fashion is to wrap it tightly in Zip-Lock and immerse it in cold water. The water will increase the contact with the tissue and more quickly heat the ice crystals, but since it is cold it will not promote bacterial growth as much. Changing the water every few minutes will help keep the water warm enough to continue defrosting. This method is relatively safe and effective for the busy and time-aware, of which there seem to be many these days.



What's Next? What Matters in Major Choices: The Double Major

By Ian Ybarra

FEATURES COLUMNIST

Like most things in life, choosing your own major is simple in theory, but can be a hassle in practice.

During recent meetings with the freshmen I help advise, I was reminded of many unfounded beliefs that prevent students from writing the number they really want on their course selection forms.

Here are three of the most troubling:

I should double major to make sure I have options when I graduate.

If I don't choose a technical major, then I will have come to MIT for no reason.

I should major in [Management Science] because I'm interested in entrepreneurship.

I did my best to convince my advisees why they'll have more work options than Simmons has windows without double-majoring, enough "tech cred" even if they studied coloring books at MIT. They'd learn more about starting companies by simply talking to and working with entrepreneurs (or from trial-and-error of starting-up by themselves) than they would doing problem sets for Optimization or Statistics.

Impressively, my freshmen seemed to realize that the only thing that matters about their major is that they pick it for themselves.

To give the rest of us additional strength to accept that conclusion, I asked Course VI-I senior Christophoros C. Vassiliou '04 (call him Chris), for his thoughts on selecting a major and, specifically, the double-major dilemma.

If Vassiliou told you, as he told me, that he came from Cyprus to MIT to study electrical engineering and materials science, you would probably assume he has two majors. At the end of his sophomore year, he was indeed on pace to get two bachelor's degrees. Then he realized the feat would require him to take five or six classes each semester for the remainder of his time at MIT. Showing maturity, Vassiliou thought, "I knew I could do it, but why?"

In his shoes, many would have stayed the course because of a self-imposed fear of fail-

ing to reach a goal they had previously set. However, Vassiliou realized that binding himself to superfluous requirements had never been his goal. What he really wanted was to pursue his intellectual interests. His rationale — "I don't have to get the degree in both to study both."

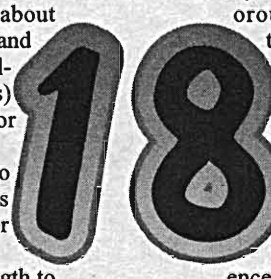
Vassiliou is currently on track to graduate from MIT this June and begin working toward his MEng degree later this summer. Does that sound respectable to you? Indeed, and that's about all that matters to the most superficial of potential employers, investors, or mates in a world where perception is reality. But in the last two years while an aspiring double-major has been pulling off course loads of nearly triple-digit units, Vassiliou has had two terms of four classes and two more of three. Though, by no measure, is he slacking off.

Benefiting from the extra freedom, he will end his undergraduate career having racked up three UROP experiences in three disciplines, served as an editor of the Course VI Undergraduate Guide, and consistently contributed his talents to a Hellenic cultural dance group. He hasn't exactly shied away from MIT's rigorous technical curriculum, though. He chose to take three advanced EE courses outside his degree requirements.

"I'd still stay up late doing problem sets for classes, but it didn't bother me as much," he said. "There's a big difference between thinking 'I have to do this' versus 'I want to do this' — even if it's for the same class." Vassiliou also took a couple of Course III classes that particularly interested him, which, combined with previous coursework, fulfilled the department's minor requirements.

He points out that earning a minor turned out to be a great compromise, because he will have something to show for the time he already spent by studying things that truly intrigued him. The minor requirements, which allowed him to pick any combination of classes from a broad offering, gave him something a second major's requirements would not — the chance to exclusively stimulate his intellectual curiosity. He was able to enhance his educational development, not overload it.

The bottom line, according to Vassiliou: "Whenever someone says to me that they want to double major, I say 'Don't do it.'"



Sex and the SafeRide

Dating Games

By Danchal Mekadenaumporn
FEATURES COLUMNIST

Dating is nothing but a sick, twisted, and perverse game that people play with one another.

That wouldn't be a problem, though, if everyone knew the rules to the game. We could all torture each other (as well as ourselves) and know exactly what we're getting ourselves into. However, it seems that dating doesn't work out that way.

I've always told people that you can trace all of your relationship problems down to one of three things: trust, communication, and honesty. If you have those three things in a relationship, you're golden. I find it ironic that for some people, dating (the precursor to a relationship) is not based on any of these things.

Just think about it. Some people play games, weave their web of lies, and get themselves into trouble. Others don't play games, tell the truth, and still get themselves into trouble. How do you stay out of trouble and find yourself a significant other in the process? I'll try to outline some basic rules for you.

Don't seem desperate.

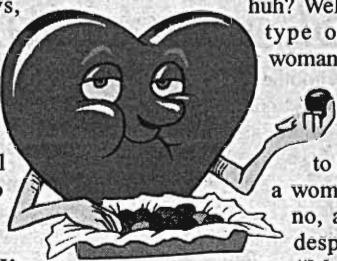
There's a reason that this is the first rule. Both men and women should avoid looking desperate, even if you're ready to get with the first bipped that comes along. People get turned

off by desperation and I'm not really sure why. Maybe it's the incessant phone calls and the following down dark alleys, but hey, I'm not an expert. Just don't think that this person will be your only chance for true love.

There are a lot of things that you can do that will seem desperate: calling too soon, calling too often, talking about the wrong things, and putting out too soon. I'm not really sure what to tell you except: calling the next evening should be fine, whoever asked should be the one to pay, don't have sex on the first date (then it becomes a one night stand), don't talk about how lonely you are, and definitely don't talk about any of your exes.

Exude confidence and be assertive.

I've heard nice guys say, "Women only date assholes." I think that's an unfair generalization. The one almost universal thing among women is that they look for confidence and assertiveness in men. Unfortunately, many assholes have those qualities. Be confident and know what you want. But do so with the same respect that you've always shown for women — there's a reason why women leave the jerks they're with, and it's not because of confidence. Be careful not to cross the line



into cockiness. No one likes an arrogant jerk. Ladies, you thought you were off the hook, huh? Well, you're not. Forget the stereotype of the meek and submissive woman. Men are turned on even more by women who know what they want and are confident enough to show it. I've talked to many guys who would love it if a woman approached them first. And no, approaching a man first is not desperate. I've never heard a man say, "Man, I can't date her because she talked to me first."

Use caution when playing hard to get.

Many people want what they can't have. Playing hard to get capitalizes on that theory. You want to seem unattainable so that people will want you even more. Sometimes it works, especially when you get a guy or girl who loves the chase. Other times it will only discourage.

Playing hard to get can work when someone has little interest in you, but then finds out that you're out of their reach. However, it can go wrong for a few of reasons: he might think, "Forget it. She's not interested." He might think that you're just being rude. Or he might think that you're just trying to piss him off and be mean to him — the exact opposite of what you intended to do.

Even when it does work, playing hard to

get only works in the short term. It'll help to get the initial attraction going, but don't count on it for a long-term relationship. It's been in my experience, though, that the type of people who like to chase or play hard to get like playing the game more than anything else. Once they've attained the unattainable they become bored and will move on to something else. So be careful about who you attract.

Don't waste your time.

College is short. You only have four years (for most people) to enjoy the college dating scene before the rules change again. So don't waste your time doing the following things:

- Feeling sorry for yourself. Sometimes you need to mourn a lost relationship and sometimes you need to put things into perspective. But if you don't force yourself to deal with things no one else is going to either.
- Trying to change other people. If you're dating an asshole, he won't change unless he wants to. If someone has a past history doing bad things, be skeptical and don't think that he or she won't do the same to you.
- Being someone else. People want to know who you really are. They don't want the "Leave It to Beaver" version of who you are. Perfection is wearing and sometimes scary. If they don't like what you are, don't waste your time on them either.

As always, good luck in your romantic pursuits.

Positive Sinking

Eating Crow, With Dressing

By Akshay Patil
FEATURES EDITOR

Do you think scarecrows really scare crows?

—Zama

I'll bet you scarecrows don't scare crows at all. I mean, you saw that movie "Dumbo," right? The crows in there never seem frightened of any straw men dressed up in flannel. True, they were a bit preoccupied with helping a cute little penguin learn how to fly, but I'm sure you'd all agree that scarecrows didn't enter into that at all.

Seriously, have you ever seen a scared crow? I'll bet not. I'll bet you've never even seen a crow wet its pants before. I mean, have you ever seen crows wearing pants in the first place? And if you say "last week," well that's just sick. Now I like birds just as much as the next guy, but dressing up crows is just weird. A penguin in an evening gown? I think we'd all agree that's a natural, if not beautiful thing. A crow in trousers? That's just strange.

As an online, Mom-otron reader, I finally have one tiny contribution to make to the legendary MIT education: Not sure which words break the "i-before-e-except-after-c" rule? Remember this sentence and you've got them all. Neither leisured tourist could seize the Sheik's weird

height."

—Mary, Atlanta, GA

For those of you keeping score at home, this is in reference to the "weird" spelling question from last week. While I'm not an expert on the English language, I do play one on TV and as a televised master of communication, I find it hard to believe that one sentence can capture all the misbehaving words of the English language.

What if I invent a word, eh? Not to say that this would be breaking new ground for me, but let's just say I decided to invent some word... like "deirce." Pronounced "deersz," I could define it to mean... "adj. — sleepless; looking or feeling as if one has just pulled an all-nighter. Usage: 'Man, I'm feeling deirce from tooling all night' or 'The student looked so deirce that the professor excused her from the test.'" A tall! Where's your witty saying now?

Well, I guess, you could probably work it into the sentence above and make a new glorified sentence: which once again is all encompassing. You would do that, wouldn't you? Just to spite me and force me to make up another word which would have to immediately incorporate itself into the English language. You always were a mean one like that.

And it's not like words can just sleep with the OED in order to ingratiate themselves with the language. I guess I

could sleep with the OED, but I'd really prefer not to, seeing as how it always hogs the blankets and kicks me in the middle of the night. Stupid dictionary.

Speaking of dictionaries, what sort of class of thingy is a "mom-otron"? Are you an MIT mother who reads The Tech in hopes of somehow understanding the crazy world you've subjected your child to? Are you a robot? Because that'd be pretty cool. I don't think I've ever received an e-mail from a robot... unless you count spam.

In fact, I guess I don't like e-mail from robots, but at least you aren't trying to transfer funds or increase my Johnson Athletic Center. I can only hope that you are a good-will robot and that your android offspring, having infiltrated MIT, is not hell-bent on destruction. Because that would suck.

While I have this opportunity to talk to a real-non-living robot, I feel the need to ask you about all them other robots. Are you chums with Cyclotron? Is he/she/it exceedingly nerdy or does he/she/it just enjoy smashing things? How about Optimus Prime? Is he really Jewish? Do you know why my toaster-oven (not that I have one, since that'd be a fire safety hazard) hates me? Did I do something wrong, or is it just feeling a bit off? Not that it has bits... it's analog right? An analog toaster-oven. In a dress.

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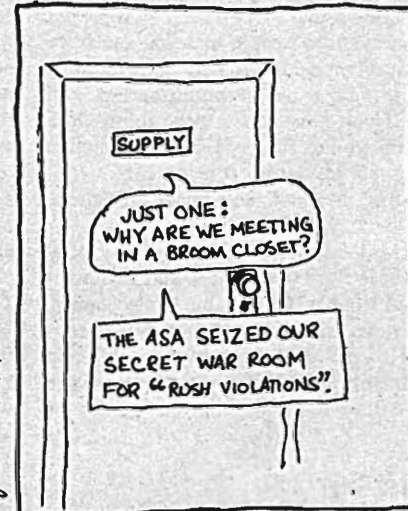
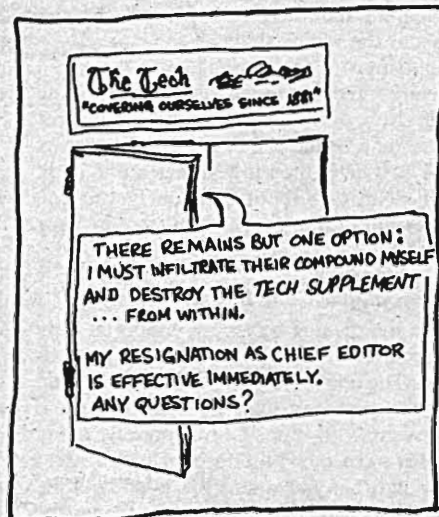
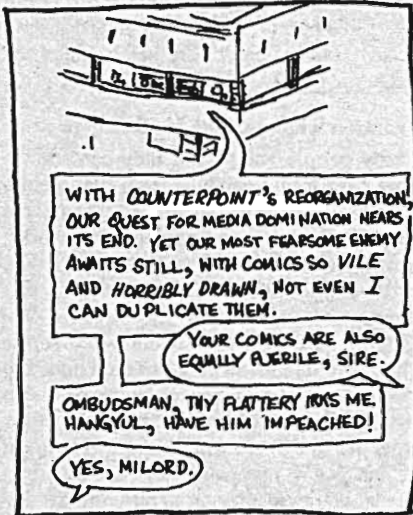
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by Jason Burns

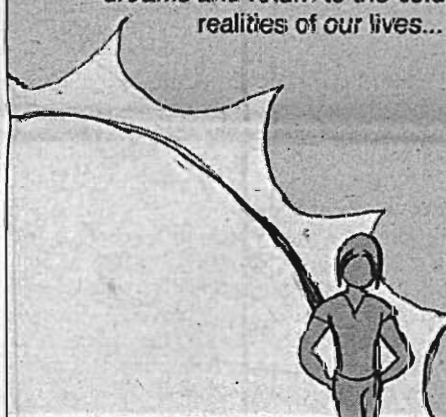
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Bobby's Dream (hidden in Mina's biography): alum.mit.edu/www/emie

by Emezie Okorafor

Some people think that sunrise is the most beautiful time of day.

But, for me, the sunrise is the saddest time of day, because it's when we have to wake up from our dreams and return to the cold realities of our lives...



I much prefer the somber glow of the moon and the reassuring blanket of nightfall...the time when slumber reigns, and our dreams seem like they can last forever...



But, dreams don't last forever... In fact, it looks as though a really beautiful dream has just ended for me, and I can't help but feel like it's all my fault. I guess I tried so hard to stay asleep that I fell out of my bed...

Sigh. Well, at least I'll always have my fond memories of her...

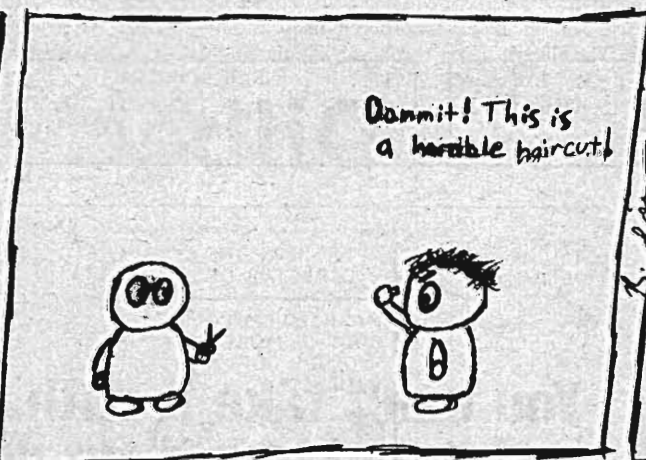
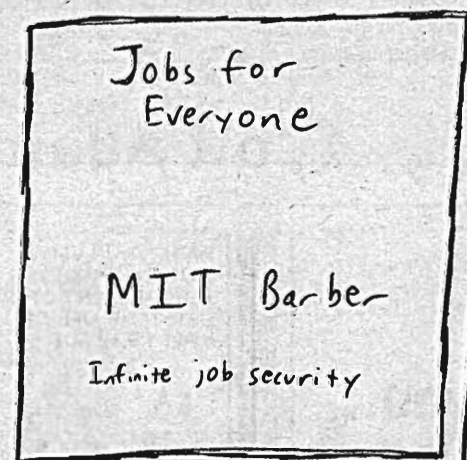


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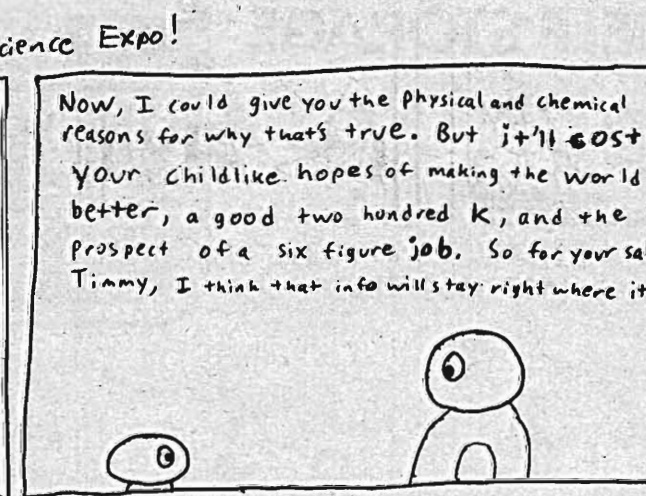
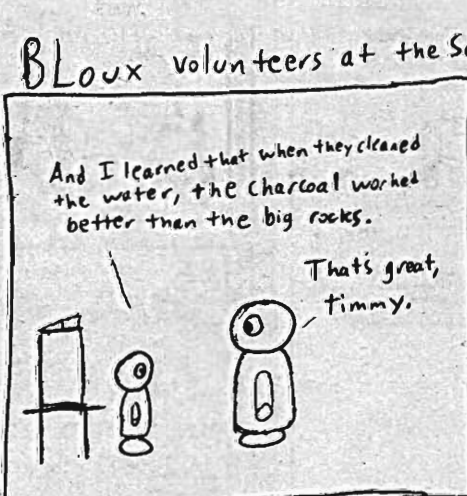
HA! I finally caught up with you!



by Brian Loux

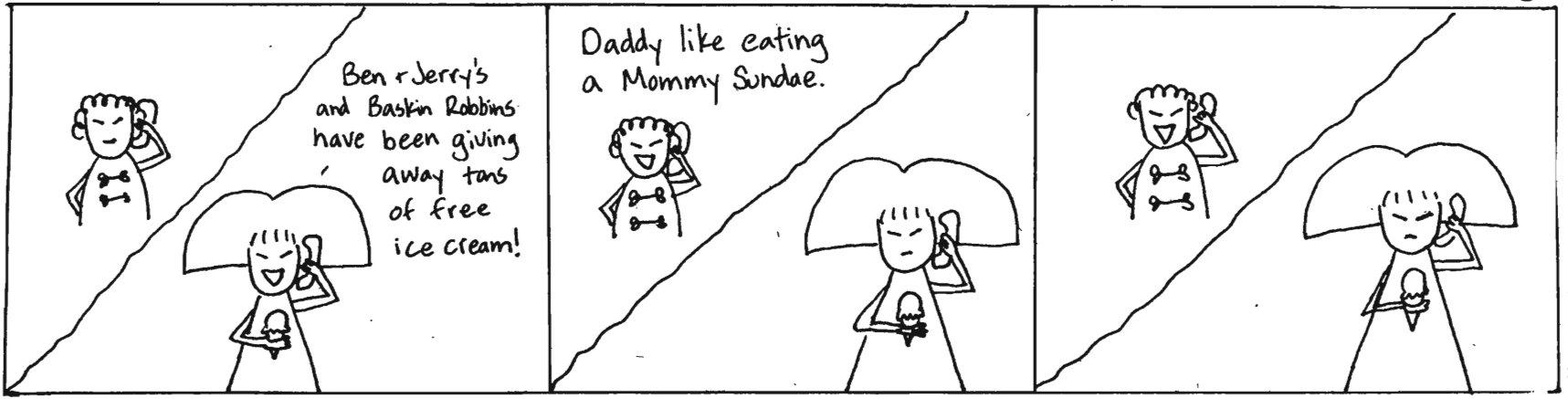


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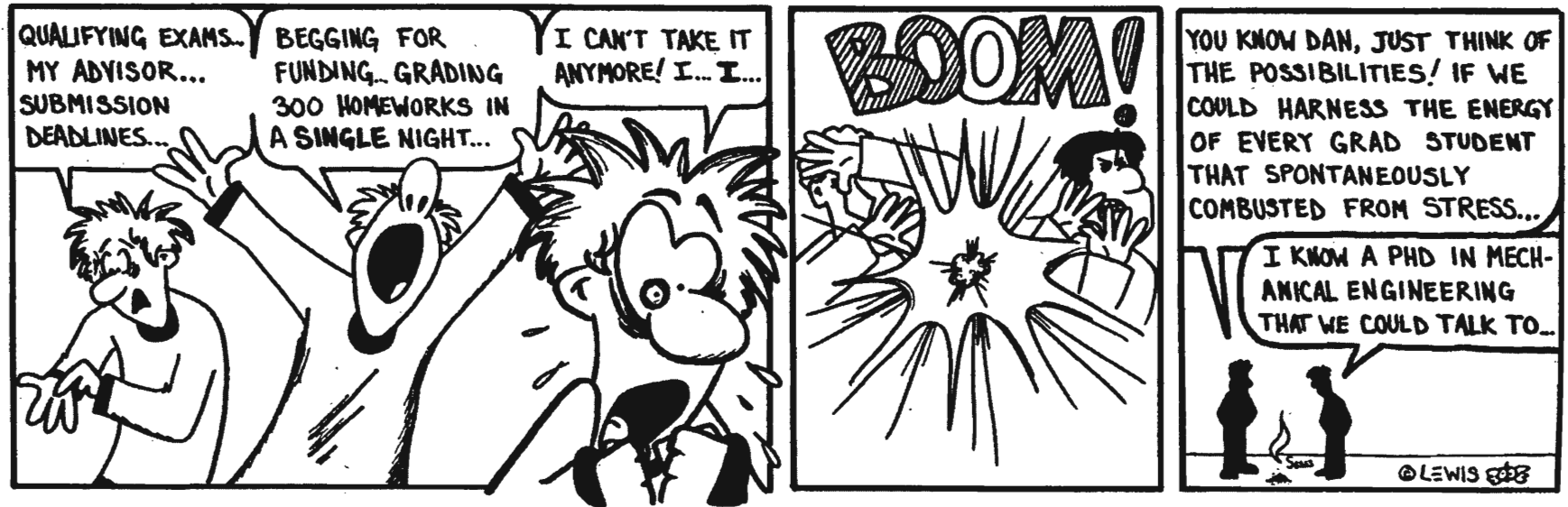


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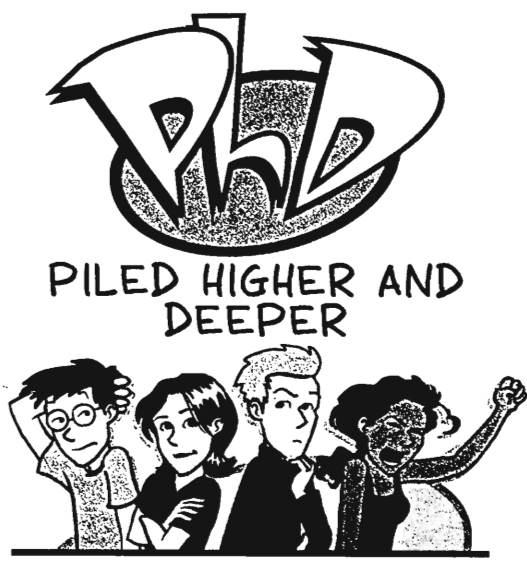
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By Jason Chiu

High level judgment has always been a difficult skill to master at bridge. In this deal, an improperly timed advance sacrifice propels North-South into a grand slam that they may have missed otherwise.

The auction begins calmly, until West decides to preempt with an ambitious 4♦. After North makes a choice-of-slams bid, East takes an advance sacrifice in 6♦. The vulnerability propels South to press forward with a forcing pass, while acknowledging that most of the missing high cards are harmless diamond honors. By the same reasoning, North ends the auction by contracting for an ambitious grand slam.

The play of the hand is rather straightforward. After noticing the foul trump break, North takes the marked spade finesse. The bidding indicates that West has at least eleven

Bridge

cards in the pointed suits. Thus, North successfully finessees the club, unblocks the club honors, and returns to her hand to execute a club-heart squeeze on East. Well done.

Answers from the April 23 column.

1. Risking a grand slam on a finesse is a losing proposition. The best way to proceed is to place East with the ♠A and ♦K and play for a diamond-spade squeeze.

2. Whether South chooses to prevent club ruffs in dummy, or promote his ♠T, 7♠ doubled is likely going to be down five. Since there is no assurance that 7♣ succeeds, taking this sacrifice is risky.

Question. Had South decided to defend 6♦doubled, by how many tricks would the contract fail? Send your answers to me at chiujw@yahoo.com by Tuesday, May 4. An entry shall be chosen at random from the correct responses to win a free play at the MIT Draper Labs Bridge Club. The winners and answer shall be printed on May 7.


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Vest Wins in Big Screw Contest

By Kathy Lin
NEWS EDITOR

MIT President Charles M. Vest is the winner of this year's "Big Screw" contest, with \$671.26 of the total \$1841.12 worth of donations made in his name. The annual Alpha Phi Omega contest honors "the candidate the students feel have screwed them over most," according to their Web site.

Students and other MIT community members voted via donations for candidates during the week-long contest. All of the donations will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Vest's chosen charity, since Vest earned the most donations.

Vest proud of award

Because Vest was out of town at the time of the ceremony, he sent Special Assistant to the President Kirk D. Kolenbrander, armed with the "official Charles M. Vest mask," a life-sized image of Vest's face attached to a popsicle stick, to accept the award for him.

Vest can "now leave office a contented man," having received this "extraordinary honor," Kolenbrander said.

Competition went well

This year's Big Screw coordinator, Sanghamitra Sen '05, said she "was really happy with [Big Screw] because throughout the competition, the top three [contestants] were really close."

Over \$1000 came in on Friday. Sen said that Friday is always the most profitable day, perhaps because "people feel like they can make a difference." She said that "a common practice is for candidates to send colleagues or secretaries over with a roll of one-dollar bills with several [\$20 bills] inside," to sneakily skew the race.

There is usually a countdown at the end of the contest, said Alexander M. Vandiver '05.

Screwed students generate stories

Several students wanted the senior thesis to be a candidate, said Vandiver. When told that they needed to have a candidate run on behalf of the senior thesis, the students

"dashed off and returned within 10 minutes" in what is the fastest nomination to acceptance process he has ever seen, Vandiver said.

Another time during the week, a student asked if he could donate \$200 for a particular professor, then proceeded to pull out a bundle of \$20

bills, Vandiver said. Because the professor was not a candidate at the time, Vandiver immediately went across campus to "plead" with the professor and convince him to enter the race. Although the professor did not accept the nomination, the student did donate the money to another candidate.

Big Screw Results

Final Big Screw Donation Totals

Candidate	Class or title	Donations
Charles M. Vest	MIT President	\$671.26
Byron M. Roscoe	6.101	\$438.02
Robert M. Randolph	Senior Associate Dean for Students	\$207.65
Robert C. Miller	6.170	\$162.21
Karen A. Nilsson	Director of Housing (Flag Policy)	\$84.79
John W. Belcher	8.02T	\$58.04
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Sarah A. Tabacco	5.12	\$22.48
Isaac Chuang	Junior Lab	\$17.73
Scott D. Sewell	Undergraduate Senior Thesis	\$17.62
Haynes R. Miller	18.03	\$12.93
Earnest G. Cravalho	2.006	\$5.09
Webly Jean-Baptiste	18.085	\$4.92
Robert A. Weinberg	7.012	\$4.22
Write-ins		\$83.70
Total		\$1841.12

Note: other candidates entered too late to earn much money.

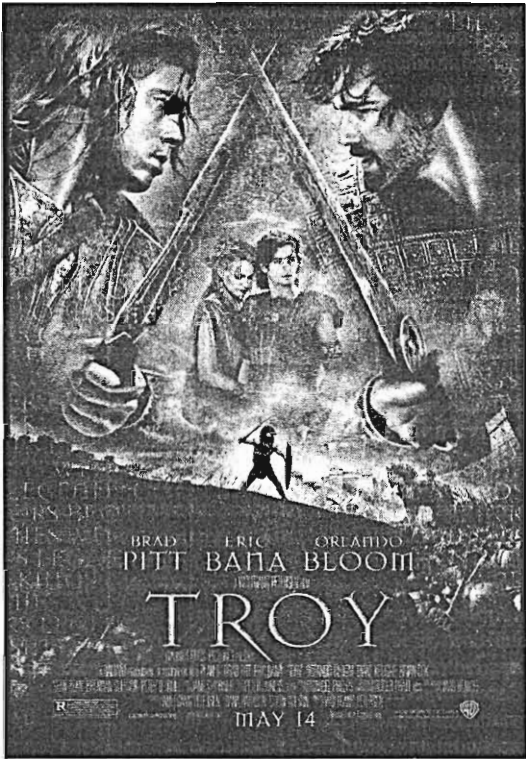
Vest is Satisfied

Big Screw winner Charles M. Vest responded to some of *The Tech's* questions about his victory in an e-mail.

The Tech: How do you feel about winning?
Vest: I can now leave the MIT presidency a satisfied man.
TT: Why do you think you won this award?
Vest: Because all my relatives voted early and often.
TT: Why did you choose the Make-A-Wish Foundation?
Vest: I think that it is an extremely worthy cause, and that we should always try to ease others' pain and bring some light into their lives.
TT: Did you, or any representative of you, vote for you?
Vest: I cannot disclose this big secret.
TT: How many times have you run before? How does it feel to win now, in the last race you're eligible for?
Vest: I am not sure how many times I have been a candidate, but the experience of losing strengthened my character and prepared me for the ultimate victory.
TT: How do you feel about Mr. Kolenbrander holding up a mask and passing himself off as you? ... Once we saw the popsicle stick, we knew he was a fraud!
Vest: It was a good deal for me, because I got to eat the popsicle so that the stick would be available.

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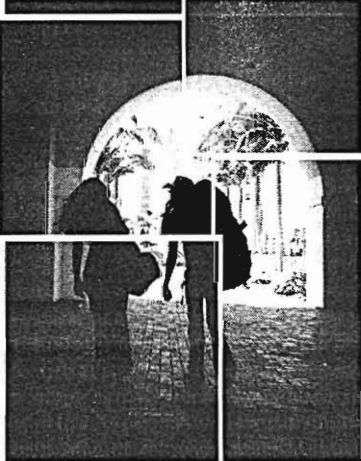
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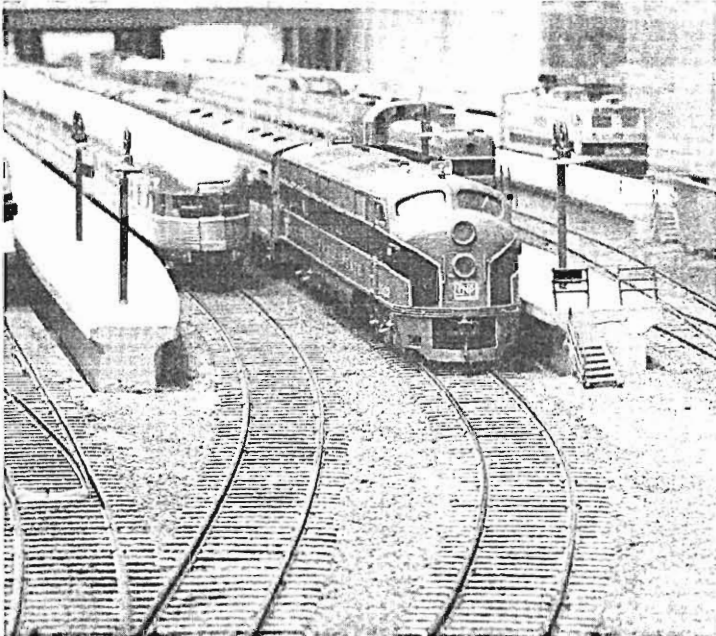
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Robotic Service Mission One Option To Save Hubble

Hubble, from Page 1

NASA shuttle missions to the HST. The new policies are based on recommendations of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board.

Professor of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences Richard P. Binzel said that as a result of the rulings of the CAIB, all shuttle launch orbits must be capable of reaching the International Space Station as a safe haven in the event of an error in the mission. Because the HST is not in an orbit compati-

ble with the ISS, shuttle missions cannot be flown to the HST. Even though astronauts have volunteered to be on the mission crew, "until there is a change in flight safety, we can't service Hubble," he said.

SM4 to improve Hubble

The fifth service mission, SM4, would have significantly upgraded the HST. According to the NASA Web site, the mission would have extended Hubble's lifetime beyond 2010.

Currently, the lifetime of the HST is limited by the condition of its batteries and gyroscopes. The HST carries six gyroscopes, at minimum three of which are necessary for it to function properly. Currently, two gyroscopes have failed. Professor of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences James L. Elliot '65 said that he expects the gyroscopes will need to be replaced within the next four years.

The batteries, also degrading, have an estimated lifetime to 2007, said Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics Jeffrey A. Hoffman, who was an astronaut on the first HST servicing mission in 1993.

Hoffman also said that SM4's planned addition of two new instruments would have increased Hubble's sensitivity by "almost an order of magnitude."

Committee to weigh alternatives

The committee will determine whether alternatives to shuttle missions can be used to extend the life of Hubble. One option is performing some or all of the tasks of SM4 robotically. At the very least, said Brooks, the NAS committee will decide how to bring Hubble down.

Hoffman thinks that a robotic service mission is a logical choice in

addition to a robotic mission to remove Hubble from its orbit. "If we're doing that anyway, why not put advanced robotic systems to increase Hubble's working lifetime" on it, he said. Hoffman said additional batteries and gyroscopes could possibly be mounted externally to the HST, obviating the need for the more complicated replacement procedure.

Installing the new instruments robotically, however, Hoffman said, would be a risky endeavor, because if a difficulty were encountered, the HST would be left with an opening that would allow light in and destroy the telescope's observing capabilities.

Brooks said that teams are currently working at the University of Maryland, Johnson Space Center in Houston, and in Canada to develop the technology for a robotic service mission.

Scientists mourn possible loss

"Hubble has absolutely been the best science per dollar spent that NASA has spent," said Professor of Astrophysics Paul L. Schechter. He said that although a mission to Hubble might be more dangerous than a mission to the ISS by some factor, only one mission would be needed to service Hubble, whereas 25 missions to the ISS are planned.

"What are we getting for our 25 [missions]?" he asked, emphasizing the scientific importance of Hubble. "It's great, and I hate to see it go," he said of the HST.

Binzel agreed, citing the scientific contributions of Hubble. "One hates to throw away a well-functioning spacecraft. The investment to have a spacecraft where you want it is huge," he said.

Elliot said that not servicing the HST would be a "social loss." He said that taking down Hubble

would not be the best legacy for Columbia. "I personally would feel that the astronauts that perished would hate to see their legacy as bringing down the space telescope before it was time," he said, adding that bringing down Hubble would only compound the tragedy of Columbia.

New telescope planned for 2011

The projected launch date for the next space telescope, the James Webb Space Telescope, is in 2011, according to the NASA Web site. The JWST may play a role in the recommendations of the committee and NASA's eventual decision for the future of the HST.

Binzel said that one possible option would be to divert the money set aside for the HST to the JWST.

The JWST will not be a replacement for the HST, however, said Hoffman. The JWST will have a bigger mirror than the HST that will allow it to view objects at greater distances, but it will not be able to see as clearly as the HST, said Hoffman, as the HST has the "best resolution of any telescope in existence."

Hoffman said that many scientists in the field would like to compare the measurements made by the HST and the JWST.

Final report due in September

The committee will hold its first teleconference on May 14, said Brooks, with the first meeting occurring in June. The committee will make its final report in late September, he said.

NASA administrators will then make a decision based on the recommendations of the NAS committee, said Hoffman. The decision of NASA would be final, barring intervention by the president or Congress.

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Channel 4 Breaches Lax Baker Security

By Marissa Vogt
NEWS EDITOR

A team of investigative journalists from WBZ Channel 4 recently entered Baker House as part of a news investigation into dormitory security, according to an e-mail sent to House Managers by Director of Housing Karen A. Nilsson.

"Unfortunately a Channel 4 I-team apparently got into Baker last week with no difficulty and now they want to run a story on MIT," and the lack of security here, Nilsson said in the e-mail.

According to Nilsson's e-mail, "the news person asked to use the bathroom" and was "friendly," so "a nice desk worker helped him out."

Kristen Setera of the CBS4 I-Team, the channel's investigative news unit, declined to comment on the story, saying that it is their policy not to comment on segments they are currently working on.

Setera confirmed that the I-team is working on a segment relating to security on college campuses, which will be broadcast on Thursday at 6 p.m., but would not comment on whether or not MIT would be featured in it.

Nilsson could not be reached for comment.

Reporter enters by "hitchhiking"

Nilsson also requested in the e-mail that house managers encourage desk workers to check the identification of people entering the dormitories. The e-mail also stated that Nilsson was working with Arthur L. Jones, director of the MIT news office, to field questions regarding the incident.

Jones said that he had spoken to a producer from Channel 4 who had asked him to comment on MIT's alleged "breach in security."

"I got a call from somebody identifying themselves as a Channel 4 producer and saying that there was some breach in security," Jones said. Jones said the producer "tried to say that the person who walked in" to Baker "looked older than most of the students" and entered the dormitory by "hitchhiking", or following behind a resident.

Jones criticized the investigation, saying that "a one day visit is hardly a way to conclusively determine if there is any type of security breach."

He praised the work of Nilsson, MIT Police Chief John DiFava, and others who consistently work to improve security on campus.

"I'm more concerned about the folks who are going to stay here for more than one day, who are very much concerned about the safety of the students," Jones said.

DiFava said he was not familiar with the incident and declined further comment.

Baker receives many visitors

Baker House Desk Captain Lilly Kam '04 said that she was not aware of the details surrounding the incident, including what time of day it happened or who was working at that time.

While dormitory security has been getting better over the past few years, "the way the front desk is laid out, it's very easy for people to tag along," Kam said.

Kam said that she heard of the incident from House Manager Jonathan F. Nolan, but had not been contacted by Nilsson or anyone in the housing office.

"They haven't contacted me and I'd really like to talk to them," Kam said. "I'd like to see more standardized measures imposed by the housing office" including "guidelines for desk workers for disciplinary measures." Such standards would make it easier for students to enforce current policies and give student desk workers more authority, Kam said.

Baker gets a lot of visitors during the day, including people taking architecture tours, said Kam. "A lot of our desk workers are aware that we do get visitors," though "most of the time we do schedule tours with our tour guide chairs," she said. Baker is known for its distinctive design and often receives visits from architecture students.

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Studies Show Sexual Assault Severely Underreported

Assault, from Page 1

were raped did not tell police. A more recent study conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice in 2000 found that 95% of rapes of college women were not reported.

Sarah Bruno, development coordinator for the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) said that even though more victims report rape now than they once did, a significant number of incidents still go unreported. "The crime is so shrouded in secrecy," Bruno said.

Though Vossmer said that she would "much rather have [a victim] come in" and report a rape, the MIT Police Department does offer a special report form for victims who wish to maintain their anonymity.

MIT Police Chief John DiFava also said that victims, if they choose to press charges, can also choose to drop charges at any time. Rape victims "are in control" of the investigation, said DiFava, and "a woman has in her power to see an investigation go further" or to drop charges "even the day before the trial."

Rape Reports at Area Schools

	2002	2001	2000	1999	# of undergrads in 2002
MIT	1	4	3	3	4,258
Tufts	2	1	1	0	4,886
Brandeis	0	1	0	2	3,282
Boston University	1	1	6	7	18,819
Univ. of Massachusetts	12	8	4	9	19,061
City of Cambridge	10	15	11	15	100,000**
Boston*	55	49	44	55	600,000**

*Includes attempted rapes.
**Number of residents in 2000.

DiFava said that the MIT Police will do everything they can to assist a rape victim. "We're here for the community," he said.

Number of rapes declining

In the last ten years, there has been a 56 percent decline in rape and sexual assault in the United States, according to the Department of Justice. Despite this decline, 247,730 people were victims of rape in 2002.

On college campuses, 3,601 students were victims of rape in 2002, a decline from 4,125 in 2001 and 5,661 in 2000 according to the U.S. Department of Education. About

two-thirds of these rapes occur off-campus.

However, Bruno argues that colleges still need better education programs about rape on their campuses. "I think that institutions need to be aware that rape does happen," Bruno said.

Events inform community

In addition to providing incoming freshmen students a sexual assault awareness program during orientation, the MIT Police Department also offers a Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) course during the year.

MIT students have also become active in informing the MIT community about rape and sexual assault.

For the past three years, a group of MIT students have produced the Vagina Monologues. Katrak, one of the producers for this year's show, called it both an awareness production and a "celebration of women." This year, Katrak said the production raised \$13,000 which was donated to local organizations that raise awareness about domestic violence.

The purpose of today's "Take Back the Night" rally is to "provide support for survivors of sexual assault and to raise awareness of sexual violence," Katrak said.

The rally will take place on the Student Center steps at 7:30 p.m. tonight. There will be a pre-event barbeque at Bexley at 6:30 p.m.

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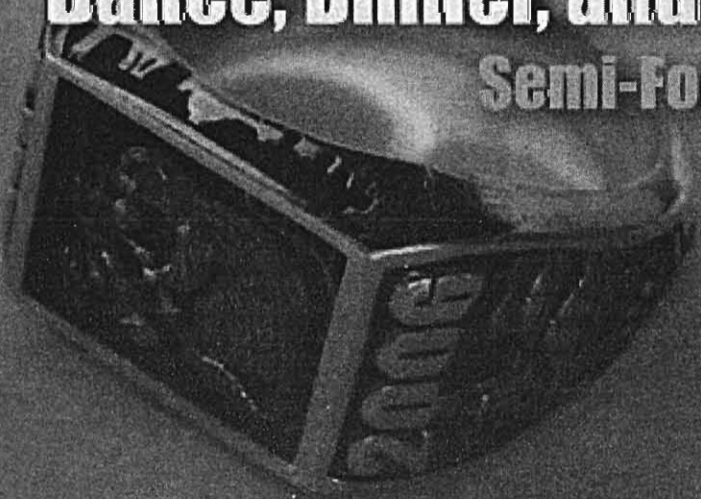
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Office of UA President to Reimburse Hacking Fines

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tute policies over the past four years, especially because fines had not always been imposed by the Office of Student Discipline. She said that the MIT Police used to handle some hack-related fines, but this responsibility was handed over to the Office of Student Discipline several years ago.

Tyrell said about the UAP and VP letter, "I don't think there's anything wrong with writing a check" out of one's own pocket, as Abelson and Sussman did, but using certain funds to pay for sanctions may be misappropriating them.

However "my role is not to determine if that's appropriate," Tyrell said. "They should do what the professors did and open up their wallets."

Tyrell said that he understood why students felt that they were getting "mixed messages" from both the publicity of hacks and the punishments for them, but that the Committee on Discipline has the responsibility to enforce rules. He said that regardless of what they were doing, the Wright brothers hackers had put themselves in danger by going onto the big dome without permission.

Tyrell said that the contradictory

publicizing of the hack was not related to him and the Office of Student Discipline.

Tyrell said that to resolve the apparent mixed signals from MIT, different departments should communicate with each other and come to an agreement about how to react to hacks.

UAP and VP support hacks

Uzamere said that he felt that it was very important that hackers were not discouraged by fines and punishments.

"It's been promoted by the Institute" but recently "fines [have been] going up and up," to the point that it

is "financially dangerous" to hack, he said.

Uzamere said that he and Faber received an e-mail in response to their reimbursement offer from Abelson that said "you rock" and included a smiley face.

Uzamere said that it would be necessary for him and Faber to know the identities of hackers seeking to be reimbursed in order to check the validity of the hacks and fines, but that this should not be a problem because these people have already been caught. The identities of any hackers asking for reimbursement would not be publicized without their agreement, he

said.

Faber said he and Uzamere had not decided how much they would reimburse totally or who would be chosen for reimbursement, should the applications exceed their resources.

"We are certain we can handle a number of requests," Uzamere said.

As of yesterday evening, Faber and Uzamere had not received any applications.

Uzamere said that he had received very strong positive feedback from students about the reimbursements. The ratio of agreement to disagreement was about twenty to one, he said.

Letter to MIT Community

[The Office of the Undergraduate Association President sent the following e-mail to all undergraduate students via the undergrads@mit.edu address.]

Dear Members of the MIT Community:

For almost as long as MIT has existed, hacks have been a proud hallmark of the Institute. Over the past few years, however, the penalties for being caught hacking have become increasingly harsh. It is very disappointing that some members of the administration have chosen to foster an atmosphere that attempts to punish and discourage hacking, one of our greatest traditions and a manifestation of the uniquely clever and hard-working spirit of the MIT undergraduate, while externally promoting it through books, the MIT Museum, recruitment efforts, and the press.

Thankfully, there have been a few instances where members of our community have taken a stand against this hypocrisy. We all saw a recent example of this when *The Tech* published a letter ["Admiration for Hack", April 13, 2004] written by Professors Hal Abelson PhD '73 and Gerald Jay Sussman '68, noting a donation they made to the hacking community through a check reimbursing a student who had been fined.

These professors' noble act has inspired us to go one step further.

As a thank you to those of you who have enriched the culture of the Institute for the past four years but have been fined while doing so, the Office of the Undergraduate Association President would like to reimburse you for your trouble. If you were fined while involved in a substantive hack at the Institute during the period of June 29, 2000 to April 27, 2004 and have documentary evidence of this, please bring the evidence along with a short statement describing your hack to the UA Office (W20-401) and place the materials in the mailbox of either the UA President or UA Vice President. After making a submission, please notify us via e-mail. A number of those who respond will be reimbursed. Submissions are due Friday, April 30th at 7:00pm.

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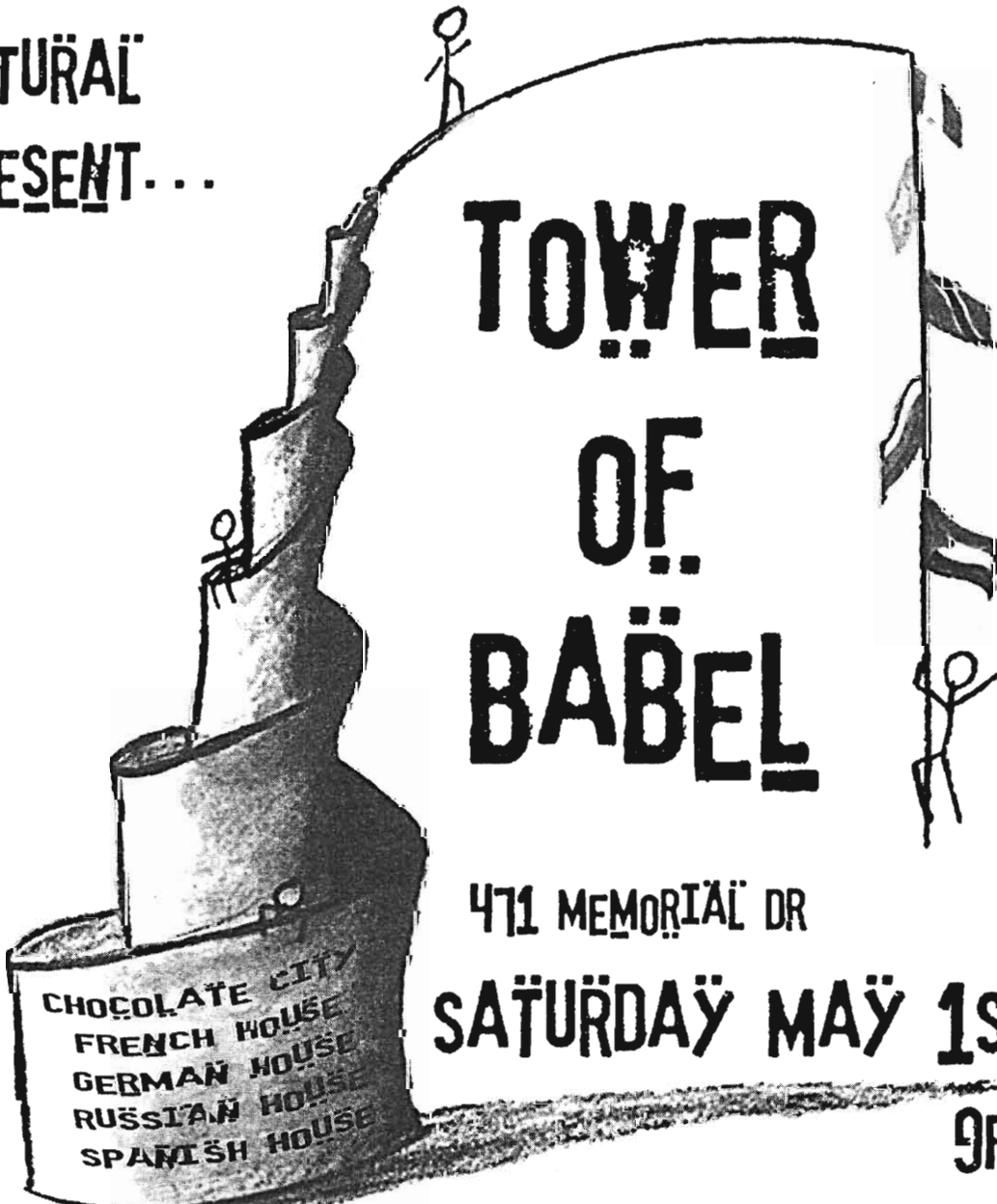
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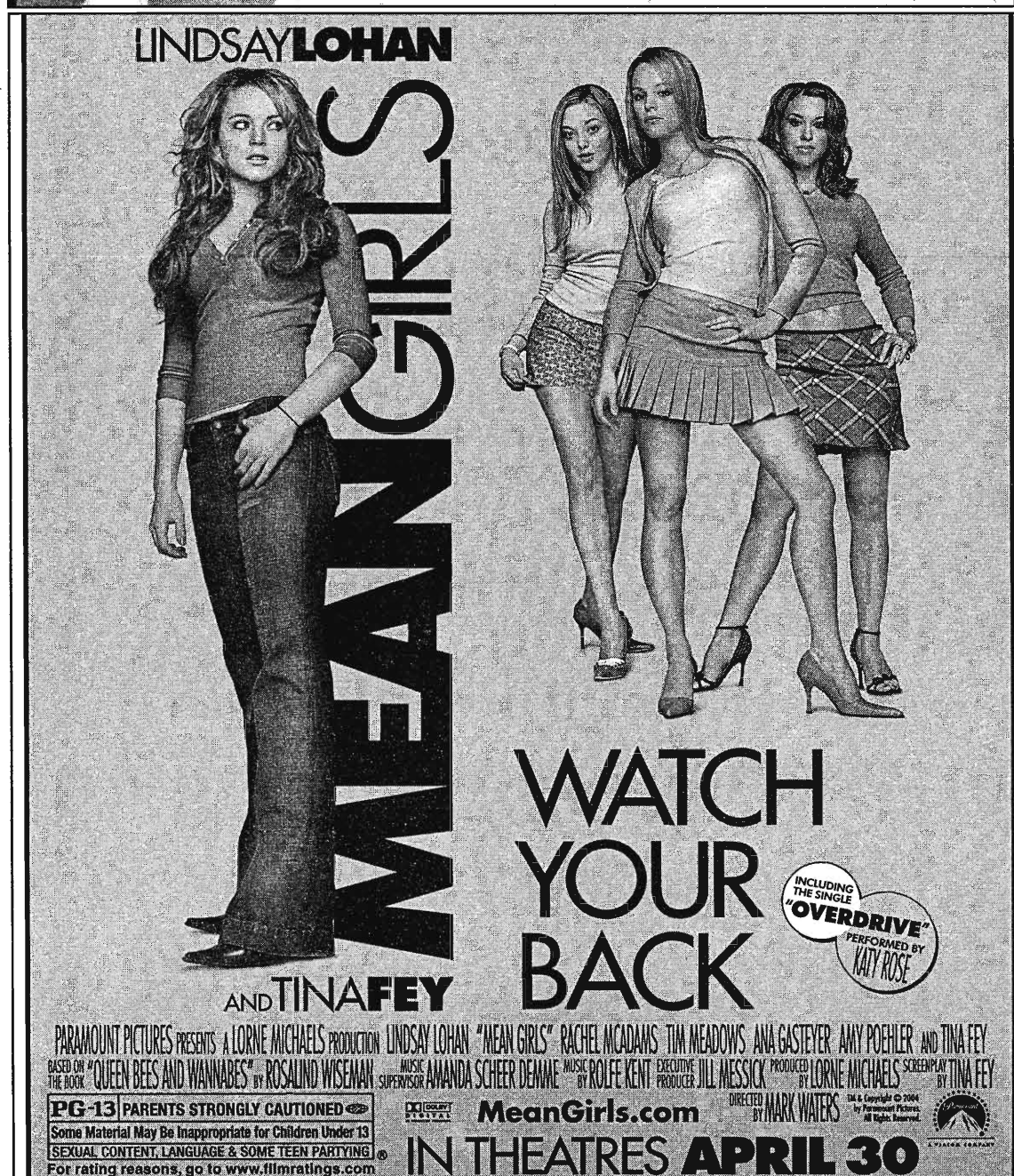
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Fraternities Modify Behavior for Better

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CAAB to recruit more fraternity participation on the board. They hope to recruit all of the Cambridge fraternities by the end of this year, said Zeta Psi President Joshua S. Yardley '04. Zeta Psi also produced several case studies involving alcohol which they have presented at other fraternities in order to "let houses know what happened to us and how to prevent it from happening to them" said Yardley.

In order to make improvements in the "oversight of the chapter," the fraternity put up a list of people in charge of the chapter house and whether or not they were available so that if "the president steps out, the next in command" can handle the situation, said Yardley.

Zeta Psi also made efforts to improve neighborhood relations by having new officers meet with neighboring businesses to exchange information and to "keep channels of communication open" said Yardley.

Thursday, all CLC sanctions were lifted on Zeta Psi and the case was "filed and put away," said Trujillo.

The CLC expressed their hope that Zeta Psi would continue participating in CAAB and working with the MIT administration and SaveTFP. Yardley says that Zeta Psi intends on continuing its involvement. "The leadership now has made a commitment to MIT and to the IFC and to the CLC. We're talking with our younger guys and the guys that are running the house in a couple of years and we're in agreement that these are programs that should keep going."

TDC to see CLC in six months

TDC met with the CLC in order to detail the progress of the program imposed on them by the CLC in response to an incident last summer where people on the roofdeck of TDC "threw objects" and an alumnus and a brother, James P. Wagner '04, "taunted and swore at police," Scali said.

The CLC's stipulation was that they would lift the suspension of the TDC house license for 14 days during rush 2004 contingent on the proposal that the fraternity "work to prevent this from happening again," by joining CAAB, remaining dry, refraining from having parties on the roofdeck, and reporting regularly to the CLC, Scali said.

Since the rulings, the Interfraternity Council has completed several alcohol inspections. During the last inspection, which was unannounced, half a bottle of plum wine was found in someone's private refrigerator.

TDC President Paul J. Sierra '05 said he did not know why that per-

son chose to have alcohol in a dry house and asserted that it was the only alcohol in the house. Daniel E. Geer Jr. '72, the TDC Alumni Chairman, described the fraternity's progress as "much better, not perfect."

Geer also described positive steps that TDC has taken including working with Trujillo, writing letters of apologies, and participating in CAAB.

The CLC "noted that TDC had made a good effort in complying with their expectations" said Trujillo. TDC's housing license was not suspended for 14 days during rush this fall. "However, the CLC had an issue with one of the expectations, [that of the plum wine], and because of that, contingencies were set for the next six months."

The house is to be alcohol free. In addition, there will be no use of the roofdeck for the summer and the summer manager must also register with the CLC. The CLC intends to review TDC's progress in six months, a decision which Sierra called "reasonable."

CLC commends DKE

The CLC met with DKE in response to an unregistered party where alcohol was served to underage persons. DKE's update showed that they are in compliance with all of the points of their program, which included participating in CAAB and meeting with Rogers on a weekly basis.

Jacob D. Bourgeois '05 said that the change in the fraternity had to "come from within" and was a product of all of the brothers. When asked about the weakness of the fraternity by the CLC, Bourgeois said that "we thought we could get away with things" but that "[we are] committed to keeping this frat" and "I feel that there has been a good change." DKE has since revamped their chapter code of conduct with input from Rogers and the entire chapter.

DKE requested that the CLC allow them to hold their weekly meetings at their house and move back into their house earlier in the fall. The CLC ruled that both proposals were acceptable and left the decision to the IFC. DKE will not have to appear before the CLC about the issue again.

Trujillo said he was not surprised at the decisions for the three fraternities. "Overall, I think the decisions really reflect the good effort that the members of these organizations have put forward," he said.

Trujillo said that "MIT's really pleased" with the new attitude of the fraternities and their involvement in the different programs. "I think it was really successful and the finding this morning really reflected that."

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Column alleged cheating, baseball is as popular as ever, and ticket sales are up. It's been a great start to the season, unless you're a Yankee fan (in which case, you've had many previous great seasons, and it's about time for you to give it up).

The most impressive thing out of New England has been how the Boston Red Sox's have dominated the New York Yankees. Out of the past 7 games, the Red Sox have won 6. But what is most striking is how they won those games, showcasing an impressive range of skills.

The Red Sox pitchers have been excellent from starters to relievers. Each of the big four starting pitchers, Pedro Martinez, Curt Schilling, Derek Lowe and Tim Wakefield, won a game during that seven game stretch. Bronson Arroyo, the fifth starter in the rotation, pulled his own weight and didn't lose a game. This showed the rest of the league that the starting pitching of the Red Sox is their strongest suit. That's not to say the rest of their pitchers are weak, though, as the bullpen

held its own. Take the Patriots Day game, for example, where after Bronson Arroyo gave up four early runs, the bullpen stepped up and allowed no more runs to give the Sox the win.

With middle relief pitchers like Alan Embree and Mike Timlin playing their best while facing the Yankees, the Sox were able to hold leads or keep the score close enough that their hitters or closer could win the game. Keith Foulke, a closer obtained during the off-season, has been impressively productive, making one wish that he might inspire other professions, such as politicians, into greater action.

Not only was the pitching dominant, but the hitting was prolific as well. Manny Ramirez hit four home runs over the course of the seven game series, in contrast to Alex Rodriguez (who had 1 hit in the entire four games at Fenway) or Derek Jeter (who went 0-for in the weekend series at Yankee Stadium).

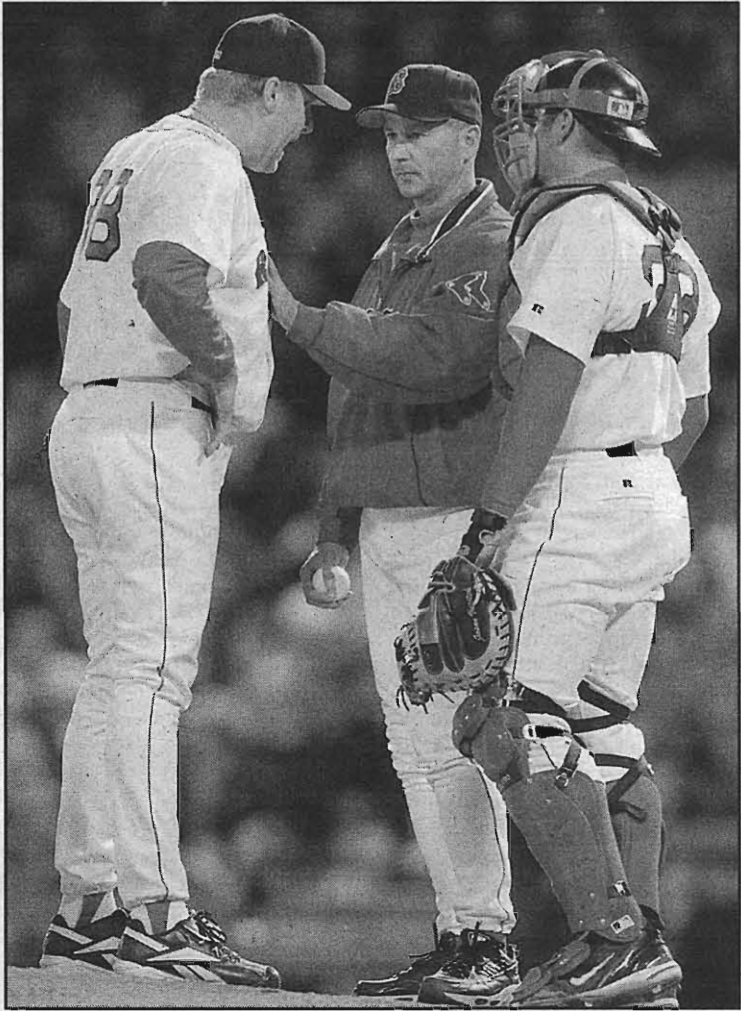
More impressive was that the Sox were hitting at the right times. Manny Ramirez hit a home run to win a game 2-0. Gabe Kapler had a hit to win another game. And there was no Aaron Boone this time. All in all, the Red Sox hitters produced while Yankee hitters did not. Without taking any credit away from the

Red Sox, the Yankee bats simply went limp. They could not get much going, and when they did their pitchers compensated with extra mistakes.

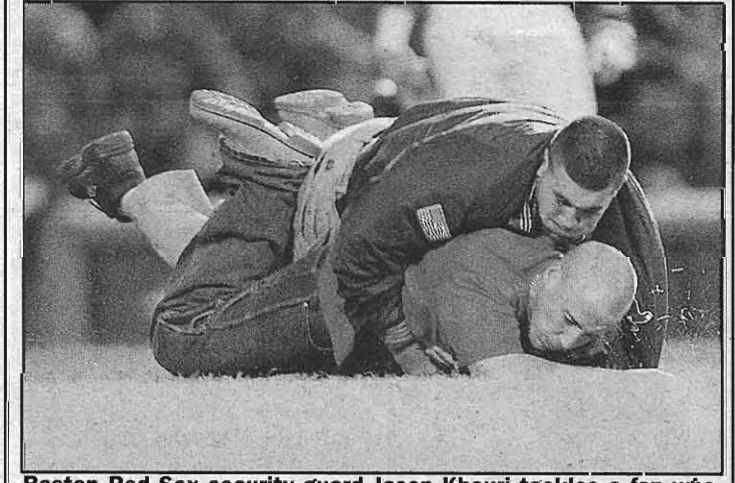
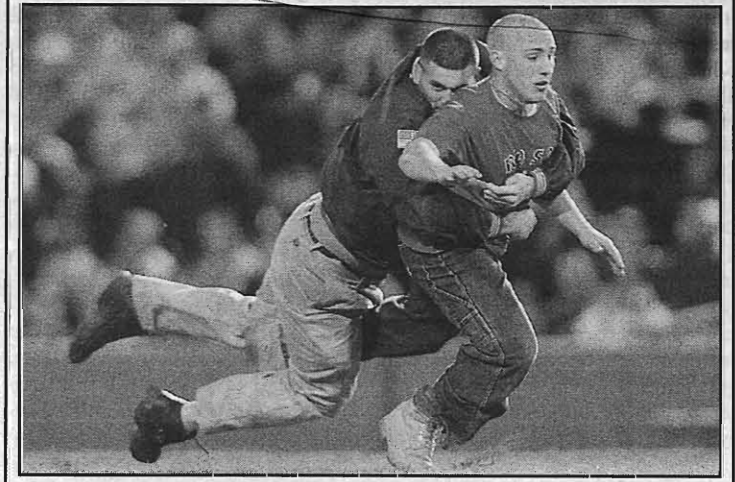
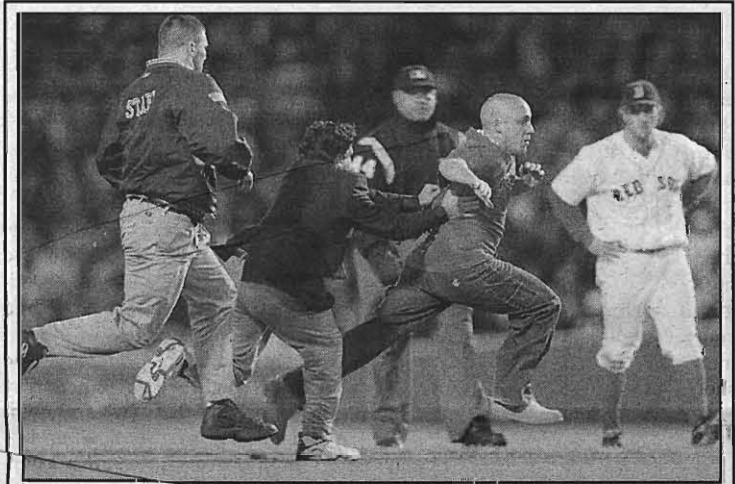
What's surprising, though, is the overall ineffectiveness of the Yankee hitters against any of their opponents. Ever since being stifled by Victor Zambrano in the opening game in Japan, the Yankees have not been the Bombers, merely the bums. They have been the worst offensive team in the American League this season, and they have been less productive than their cross-town rivals, the Mets. After all, their captain has not stepped it up, going zero for his last umpteen at-bats. He was even booed by the fans at Yankee Stadium.

In fact, the Yankees have been so bad that team owner George Steinbrenner has been somewhat rattled by the whole situation. He re-invented himself this season, saying that he has full confidence in both his skipper, Joe Torre, and his general manager, Brian Cashman. That seems even more discouraging, since he has never placed any good faith in anyone beside himself in the past. His sudden move to distance himself from the team brings a new aspect to the Yankees, but this one may not be to the fans' pleasure.

Whatever the state of the Yankees and the Red Sox, we know that the rivalry has remained especially healthy, especially for the Sox. Perhaps Theo Epstein has finally put the pieces of the puzzle together to break the curse. Or perhaps this is just April.



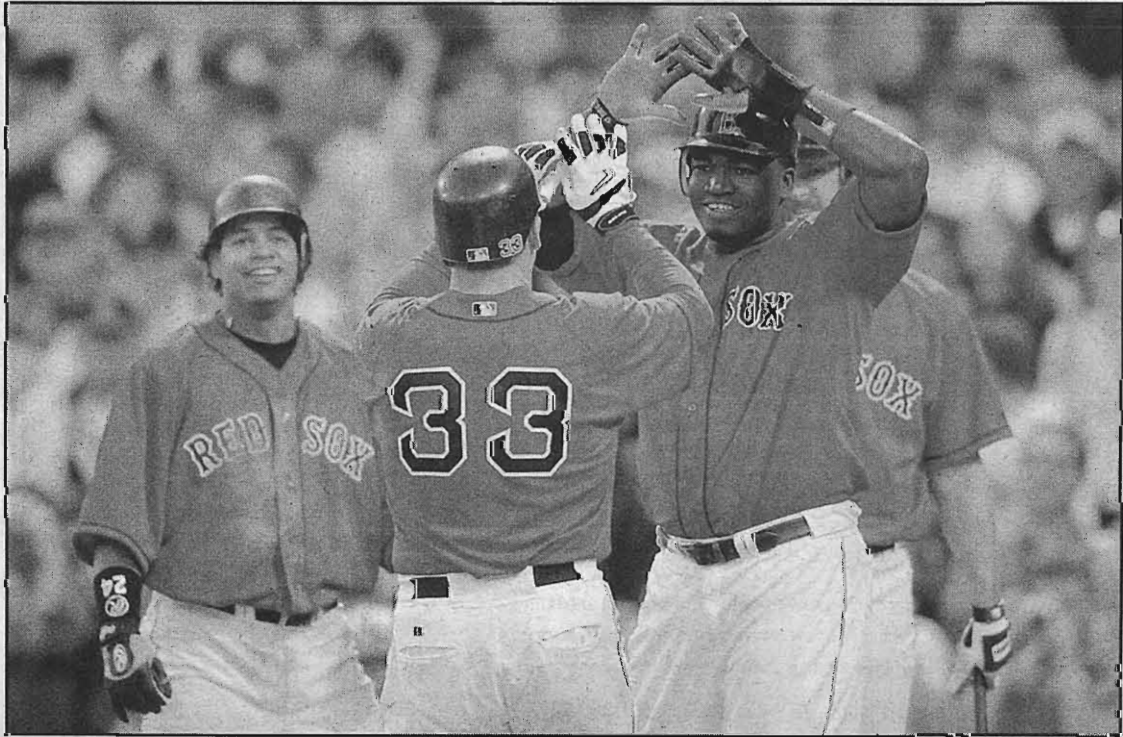
Boston starting pitcher Curt Schilling is pulled by manager Terry Francona during the seventh inning of Wednesday's game against Tampa Bay, the first of a three-game series. Schilling gave up no runs on five hits and struck out eight, leading the Red Sox to a 6-0 victory over Tampa Bay.



Boston Red Sox security guard Jason Khouri tackles a fan who ran onto the field during an April 28 game against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Fenway Park. Photographs by Daniel Bersak (The Tech/Ai Wire).



Boston left fielder Manny Ramirez, left, attempts to field a pop fly hit by Tampa Bay's Aubrey Huff while avoiding a collision with shortstop Cesar Crespo, center, during the fourth inning of the first game of a double header at Fenway Park on Thursday. Ramirez dropped the ball and was charged an error on the play. The Red Sox went on to win the game 4-0.



Boston's David Ortiz (right) and Manny Ramirez (left) congratulate teammate Jason Varitek (center) for hitting a three run homer that brought them all in to score. The home run put the Sox up 5-2 and lead to their decisive 7-3 win Thursday evening. The victory completed a three-game sweep by the Red Sox of the visiting Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Go Sox!

SPORTS

Sport Taekwondo Overwhelms Cornell to Take Title

By Tim Kreider
CLUB PRESIDENT

This past weekend, the MIT Sport Taekwondo Club concluded an unbelievably successful season by winning first place at the final tournament in the Ivy/Northeast Collegiate Taekwondo League (INCTL). MIT trailed behind long-time favorite Cornell for the entire season and walked into the Columbia tournament last Saturday with a significant deficit. Going against the odds, the members of the MIT team, from club veterans to recent recruits from the Sport Taekwondo PE class, blew away the competition and won by an absurdly large margin.

Not only did Cornell have an appreciable lead before the final tournament, but MIT had sent a full team to the National Collegiate Taekwondo Association Championship just one week earlier, whereas Cornell sent only two athletes.

The forty battle-weary MIT team members arrived at Columbia to face over fifty Cornellians eager to prevent the MIT club from seizing the INCTL Cup that had at one time gone to Cornell every season without contest. Undaunted, MIT established its dominant presence right away by practically sweeping the forms (performance of set routines) competition, claiming three or four out of six possible medals at nearly every belt level.

Although MIT usually has a lead after the forms competition, that lead often dwindles during sparring, especially in the fiercely competitive A (advanced) division. The men's A1 team (Bobby B. Ren '05, Conor Madigan G, George C. Whitfield G) took third place despite missing star player Richard Sinn '06, who badly injured his hand in the A-team finals at the last tournament. Women's A2 (Jaime Lien '05, Wendy Pierce '05, Delphine Dean G) placed third for the first

time in the history of the club, thanks to a narrow win by Pierce in a fierce fight with the New York University A1 middleweight.

The true heroes of the division were the members of women's A1 (Erica Y. Chan '07, Nancy J. Archambault G, Margaret Cho '04), who plowed through their bracket for an undisputed first place win, despite Chan's broken finger.

The MIT beginners, mostly recruits from this year's Sport Taekwondo PE classes, proved their ability with first place wins by both men's C1 (Jerry W. Chao '05, John C. Ho G, Maxwell E. Planck '04) and women's C1 (Rene R. Chen '07, Sharon A. Lawrence '07, MiHae Chang '07). The less-experienced women's C2 (Diana I. Cheng '07, EunMee Yang '07, Sonia J. Kim '07) had an amazing showing, with an unexpected win over Cornell C1 in the quarter-finals. Cheng fought three matches with badly bruised legs, and when she suffered

yet another injury during the semi-finals, she inspired her teammates by stomping her wounded foot in determination and jumping back into the match.

The women and men of MIT's B (intermediate division) teams continued MIT's domination. The strong men's B1 (Ren, Ho, Ronald E. Bryan '04) and women's B1 (Lien, Sandra M. Yu '06, Cho) each placed second after winning tied matches by decision in their respective semi-finals, and women's B2 (Stephanie Lee '06, Grace Kim G, Dean) placed third. In one match, Lien was entangled so aggressively with her opponent at the end of the first round that the center referee had to force them apart, and Lien fell and twisted her ankle as he pushed her away. Defying her bad luck, Lien applied some Biofreeze to the injury and prepared for the second round, which she won in the final seconds with an axe kick to her opponent's face.

When the final results were

announced, the MIT discovered that they had defeated Cornell by more than twice the margin they had needed to win the cup. In a sign of good sportsmanship, the MIT and Cornell players exchanged team jackets for a big group photograph.

The MIT head instructor Master Dan Chuang, last week named Coach of the Year by the National Collegiate Taekwondo Association, began his career as an undergraduate at Cornell, so he and Master Han Cho of Cornell view the teams as sister schools. The rivalry between MIT and Cornell has driven up the level of competition and enthusiasm among all the schools in the INCTL, which has become a model for local collegiate Taekwondo leagues all over the country.

With their string of victories this month, the MIT Sport Taekwondo Club members have proven themselves both regional and national champions (see <http://taekwondo.mit.edu/spotlight.html>).

Ultimate Team Soars Over Opposition

By Darlene Ferranti
TEAM MEMBER

MIT Women's Ultimate (sMITe) cruised to a three-peat victory at the annual Yale Cup in New Haven, Connecticut. Eighteen women's ultimate teams competed in the two day tournament last weekend, but none could stand up to sMITe's combination of brutal defense and fluid offense.

Yale's B team, Beezus, was the first to fall to sMITe. The solid throws of Taylor F. Shildgen G connected with Yelena Gorlin '06 for at least two goals. MIT defeated Yale B 15-0 in this early morning game.

In the second game of pool play, sMITe faced Brown's B team. Kathy L. Dobson G had a number of blocks on inexperienced Brown handlers, giving Olivia R. Cheo '04 the chance to make solid offensive cuts. In an effort to force Brown into a quick turnover, sMITe began the second half with zone defense. Shuang You '05 demonstrated the benefits of this defensive strategy by intercepting a swing pass that had backed up to MIT's endzone. You caught the disc for a goal, and sMITe claimed their second shutout victory in a row, cruising to a 15-0 finish.

Coming off of two undemanding games, sMITe was not prepared for the intensity of Cornell's Wild Roses. Cornell came out strong with a num-

ber of deep throws to well-placed receivers. sMITe reacted quickly to step up their defense, with Lucy R. Mendel '06 blocking at least 3 throws on the Cornell endzone line. Julia Cline G battled a gusty crosswind to put up forehand throws, and managed to reach Kathleen M. Rubritz '04 for a layout goal in MIT's endzone. The battle grew heated, but sMITe squeaked out an 11-10 victory.

The tired Bucknell Peacefrogs were no match for vigorous sMITe players in the final game of pool play. The solid offensive play of Lori A. Eich G and Angela Tong '05 squashed the Peacefrogs, bringing MIT to an 11-5 finish.

sMITe proved their depth and determination in Sunday's playoff games, competing without many of their top players due to minor injuries. Genevieve G. Ricart '06 scored two goals in the quarterfinals game against Tufts University Ewo. Meryl R. del Rosario '05 stepped up and executed perfectly timed swing moves that allowed the disc to flow easily up the field. MIT took the time-capped game 11-3.

In the semifinals, sMITe was excited to learn that they would face Cornell once again. At the start of the game Dobson pulled the disc to Cornell, and sMITe's defensive line sprinted out to force the Cornell handler to misplay the disc. The MIT women kept their intensity up, causing the Cornell team more and more

frustration. In the most impressive defensive play of the game, Cathy Chu '06 blocked a throw attempt while surrounded by three Cornell receivers. Typically one of MIT's most impressive deep threats, April R. Lehman G showed her versatility by putting up curvy forehand throws straight into the hands of Chu and Tong. sMITe took the game 10-2.

Advancing to the finals with their heads held high, sMITe prepared to take on Dartmouth's Princess Layout. Proving that defense does indeed win games, J. Lily Huang '06, Laura B. Shimmin '05, and Chu came together as a tight formation in MIT's defensive zone. Dartmouth handlers were baffled with no downfield options, and were forced to repeatedly swing the disc across the field. They couldn't tire out the relentless defense, however, and eventually Shimmin blocked an attempted throw through the unyielding formation. The MIT sideline roared as Huang immediately sprinted to the endzone for the goal.

On the offensive side, Darlene E. Ferranti '06 made aggressive cuts to help sMITe advance up the field. Endzone grabs by Tong, Ferranti, and Chu brought sMITe to their 15-8 victory, and a third consecutive Yale Cup championship.

sMITe advances to Northeast Regionals on May 8-9. The team will compete for one of three regional bids to College Nationals in Seattle, WA.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Friday, April 30th

3 p.m., Varsity Baseball, UMass-Boston, Briggs Field

Climbing Steep Slope, Cycling Takes Second

By Isaac Dancy
TEAM CAPTAIN

DOVER, NH

The MIT Cycling Team finished its season strongly, taking second place overall in Division II at the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference Championships hosted by the University of New Hampshire on April 24 and 25.

The 3-event weekend provided ideal preparation for the National Championships, with a road race on Saturday followed by a team time trial and criterium, a spectator-friendly race, on Sunday. The team had brilliant individual and team performances in every event, proving MIT as one of the top teams on the East Coast. From the results from the conference championship weekend, MIT has earned a team berth to Collegiate National Championships on May 21-23 in Madison, Wisconsin.

Saturday's long road race course covered a rolling 17 kilometer loop, with one steep climb and a nerve-

wracking 80-kph descent. The Men's D category had the shortest race of 3 laps, while the Men's A rode the loop 7 times. Each race finished with the ascent of Parker Mountain, a 3-mile extension to the last lap. First-year racer Melanie J. Michalak '06 led the team in 5th place in the Women's B event, while Dye-Zone A. Chen G claimed 7th in the Men's B event. Men's A riders Isaac J. Dancy G, Ariel M. Herrmann G, and Jason A. Sears G tried throughout their 120-km event to keep MIT represented at the front, and Herrmann succeeded in placing 11th. Caitlin Bever G raced without any teammates in the Women's A event, finishing 19th.

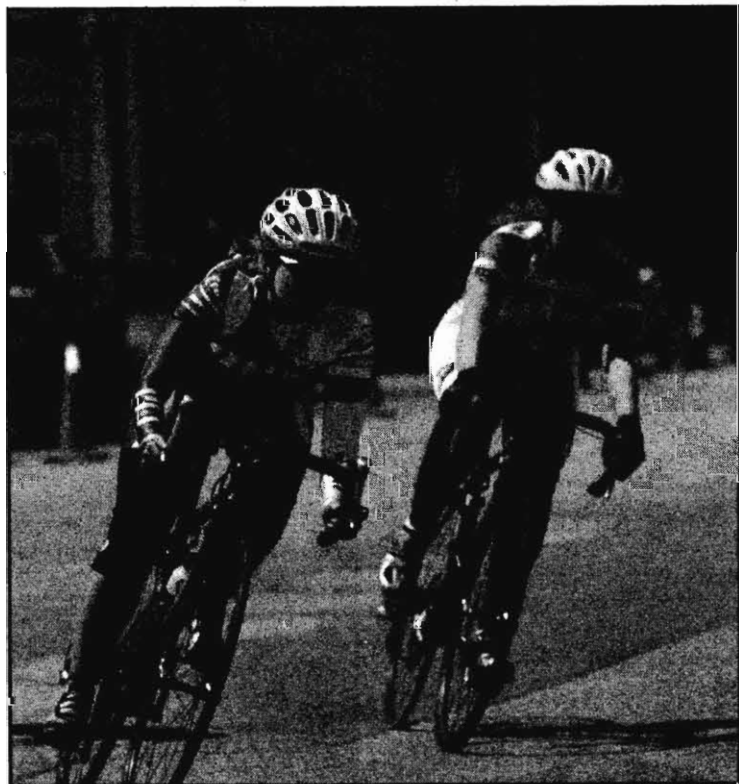
MIT used Sunday's team time trial to pull ahead from the other teams in the overall competition. Bever and Michalak rode to 7th in the Women's A time trial, the Men's A team claimed 5th with the help of time-trial specialist Mark Cote '07, and the Men's B team took 4th place.

The last event of the weekend was a downtown race in Dover, NH. The fast, four-corner course featured large crowds to cheer the racers on, while increasing winds turned the higher-category races into tactical battles in the afternoon.

Michalak capped off a standout weekend with 4th place in the Women's B race, securing second place in the omnium (overall combined points) competition at the championship weekend. Men's B riders Chen and Kieran F. Culligan '06 attacked and counter-attacked relentlessly in the Men's B race, taking 3rd and 5th place. Their results moved Chen into 3rd place in season omnium points and gave Culligan his first podium appearance.

Strong performances across the board gave the MIT team its best weekend result of the season, taking 5th place overall for the entire season. The team looks forward to recruiting more riders to build its strength for next year and beyond, while its elite riders prepare to represent MIT at Collegiate National Championships.

MIT riders Bever, Culligan, Dancy, Herrmann, and Sears will join teams from Dartmouth, Brown, Princeton, Yale, and the United States Military Academy in representing the Eastern Conference at Nationals in Division II.




Melanie J. Michalak '06 rides past an Army rider in the Women's B criterium at the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference Championships. Michalak took 4th place in the race and second place overall for the weekend.

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